



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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Hopefully by this time our Lady Liberties have fueled their torches radiating the path of the Americanism Program. Now is the time to contact schools regarding the Essay Contest and "Star Spangled Kids." Visit school websites to obtain email addresses of counselors and teachers who can assist with encouraging participation in the essay contest. Prepare your packets for delivery to schools, remember to include essay titles for the National Essay Contest. Please send in suggestions for the 2021-22 Essay Contest Titles. Request suggestions from schools, veterans, and unit members. Titles are due to me by November 1<sup>st</sup> and will be voted on at DEC in January. I welcome all suggestions!

"Star Spangled Kids" is an initiative to educate children and youth in the history of the United States from the aspect of patriotism, Americanism, and the U.S. Constitution. Consider ordering the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution from Emblem Sales for distribution to schools.

**GET OUT THE VOTE**, elections are right around the corner. Review your ballot and initiatives familiarizing yourself with the expected outcome of your vote. Mail in or deliver your ballot to the required location for tracking. There has been much speculation over mail in ballots and the USPS being able to deliver the ballots timely. Below is an option for those of you with these concerns.

- ü Request a mail in ballot, but do not mail it.
- ü Google the supervisor of elections for your county/neighborhood to inquire where you may drop of your mail-in ballot. Do not assume it is your polling place.

**DATES TO REMEMBER – Mark your calendars**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – Suggestions for 2021-22 Essay Titles due to the Department Chairman.**

December 1<sup>st</sup>- Unit Mid-Year Reports due to District Chairman.

December 15<sup>th</sup> – District Mid-Year Report due to Department Chairman.

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Unit Chairman to pick up essays from schools.

March 26<sup>th</sup> – Unit to forward winner only in each group to the District Chairman for judging.

April 16<sup>th</sup> – District Chairman to forward winner only in each group to the Department Chairman for judging.

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Unit End of Year Report due to District Chairman.

May 1<sup>st</sup> – District End of Year Report due to Department Chairman.

*Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting." – Franklin D. Roosevelt*

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