



National Americanism Award **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE** **2008**

Americanism Criteria

All the books will be Bound Books, Scrap Books or Albums, (Americanism Report). The reports for 2008 will be based on events during **July 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008**. *Please Note:* After 2008, Americanism Reports will be based on events during the fiscal year ending May 31.

All Americanism Reports must be hand delivered to the Americanism Committee by 3:00 P.M. on TUESDAY of the National Convention. All Americanism Reports (Albums) will be returned and receipted to your Representative following judging and presentation of awards. **Judging will begin following the close of Business on Tuesday.**

Competition for awards will be based on Detachment strength as of 06-30-07 (for the 2006-2007) Americanism Report. Awards will be based on Detachment strength as follows:

Category I (Platoon Size)	Strength of 15 to 50
Category II (Company Size)	Strength of 50 to 100
Category III (Battalion Size)	Strength of over 100

First, Second and Third place winners in each category will receive a plaque.

All other entries will receive an Americanism Certificate.

The overall top award, **The Gil Gray Award**, will receive a special plaque.

Note: Newly formed Detachments will be competing in Category I, regardless of strength.

All Americanism Reports **MUST** have a completed Marine Corps League Americanism Questionnaire and Criteria form in the front of the (Book or Album). The judges **WILL** use this form in their evaluation of the Americanism Awards.

History and Photos in the album should be limited to the events during the judged year only. Use appropriate captions (names, occasions, etc.) to relate photos with Questionnaire activities.

The Americanism Award is the most distinguished award the winning Detachment can obtain that shows their hard work and Esprit de Corps. As the "Marine of the Year" is the **most** prestigious award for an individual member, so is an Americanism Award for the Detachment. It exemplifies the dedication and contribution to the strength and integrity of our beloved Marine Corps League and is dedicated to all the members of the winning Detachment. To have received this award is certainly an achievement to be proudly treasured by the recipients of this honorable recognition.

Committee: Daniel Doty, Glen Barry Evans, David Hatfield,
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Marine Corps League

2008 Americanism Questionnaire

Detachment: Name: _____ **#:** _____ **Convention Strength June 2008** _____

Note: Complete the questionnaire by inserting **x** in () to identify your Detachment activities.

- The Detachment participated in parades or special public events to celebrate the National Holidays indicated:
() Memorial Day, () Veterans Day, () Independence Day, () Armed Forces Day, and/or
() other National Holidays, i.e. _____
The Detachment also participated in () other patriotic events, i.e. _____
- The Detachment has its own () Honor Guard and/or () Firing Squad.
The Detail includes () a Bugler and () a Color Guard.
Services are provided for () members only, () all Marines, or () all Veterans.
- The Detachment () organized or () supported a Scouting Unit this year; () participated in the Eagle Awards Program; and/or () provided Scouting Leadership assistance.
- The Detachment () organized or () supported a Young Marine Unit this year.
- The Detachment () organized or () supported Youth Physical Fitness Activity or
() other Youth Program(s) this year, i.e. _____
- The Detachment sponsored Americanism Programs in the schools by () conducting classes on folding and flying the flag; () providing school flags on request; and/or () teaching classes on military history.
- The Detachment sponsored or participated in () the local Toys For Tots campaign, () the Combined Federal Campaign and/or () other local charity drives, i.e. _____
- The Detachment sponsored or participated in () VAVS activities, () State Veteran Nursing Home activities, and/or () activities for Veterans in other Nursing Homes.
- The Detachment () supported this year's MCL National Scholarship Program, and/or () sponsored its own scholarship program.
- The Detachment () nominated candidates for the Chaplain of the Four Chaplains, and/or () supported other programs for Veterans' children, i.e. _____
- The Detachment () participated in all Department Meetings, and () was represented at its Division Conference; it was also represented at () the Department, and/or () the National Conventions.
The Detachment hosted () a Department Meeting, () the Department Convention, and/or () the Division Conference during the year.
- The Detachment Commandant attended () the Department Convention, () the Midwinter Conference, and () the National Convention.
- The Detachment has an active New Member Recruitment Program which resulted in a _____ % increase in new members this year.
- The Detachment () encouraged attendance at Marine Military Expos, and/or actively endorsed, via correspondence with our () National and/or () State Legislators, proposed legislation to benefit veterans.

- The Detachment actively participates in activities promoting () the Fallen Marine Program, () the M-4-L (Marine for Life) Program and/or () the Marines Helping Wounded Marines Program.
- The Detachment () recognizes members on membership anniversary dates; () recognizes member achievements at its annual Awards Ceremony; and () recognizes the Americanism/Historian Program.
- The Detachment () sponsors or () participates in the annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball () where it honors a member as the Marine of the Year.
- The Detachment supports () a Marine Corps League Auxiliary Unit and/or () a Devil Dog Pound.
- List and explain other Detachment activities not mentioned above. Please elaborate on activities that your Detachment supports that may not be specific in the above questions.

The **Detachment** Commandant and Americanism Chairman **MUST** sign this Americanism Questionnaire. This questionnaire and Album **SHOULD BE HAND DELIVERED** to an Americanism Committee member at the **convention NO LATER THAN 3:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY** of the convention (**League Registration Room**). To ensure return of your Album, please make sure the Album is signed for. It will be returned to your representative on the day the Americanism Awards are presented. Judging will be done after the close of business on Tuesday.

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Detachment Commandant

Detachment Americanism Chairman

THIS FORM MUST BE IN FRONT OF YOUR AMERICANISM BOOK, FILLED OUT AND SIGNED