



Edwin C. Creeger Jr. Unit 168  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Thurmont, Maryland 21788

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To the Thurmont Area Schools and Home School Students

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\*Naomi M. Green 1954  
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Marsha Ridenour 2005-2006  
\*Rosalie Bentz 2007-2008  
Marie Brennan 2009-2019

\* Deceased

**Current President**

Marsha Ridenour 2019

It is with a true sense of pride that we send you the Americanism Essay Contest for the 2021-2022 school year. We have enclosed a copy of the rules as they apply to the contest and the Department of MD.

The contest begins November 1, 2021. All essays must be collected by February 1, 2022.

The Thurmont Legion Auxiliary has the essays judged and we award prizes of \$25 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$20 for second place and \$15 for third place in each of the 3 groups. First place essays, in each group, will then be forwarded to the District level. First place essays from District will be forwarded to Department.

We hope to have lots of essays this year. The title of the essay is "How can we support families who provide care to their Veterans?"

We hope this topic will bring many interesting thoughts to our essays.

If you have any questions please call Alice Eyler (240-818-3664) or Lisa Reed (240-315-5331).

Sincerely

Alice Eyler  
Americanism Chair



**Americanism Essay Contest  
2021-2022 Department of Maryland Cover Sheet**

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), Department of Maryland, Inc., sponsors an **Americanism Essay Contest** for students in **grades 3-8**. Grade levels are divided into three groups. Three awards in each of the three groups will be presented in each Unit, District and Department, with prizes at each level. First place Department winners will be sent to the National Competition. The contest time frame is November 1-January 31.

**Essay Title:** "How can we support families who provide care to their Veterans?"

Essay Groups:	Group	Grade Level	Word Requirement
	I	3 and 4	150-250
	II	5 and 6	250-300
	III	7 and 8	350-400
	IV	Students with Special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level

**Essay Checklist**

- ☐ Group competing in \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Sponsoring ALA unit \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for group
- ☐ Completed essay cover sheet as first page of essay
- ☐ Word count of essay \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Student signature at end of essay

**To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Street, City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School City/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered.):**

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit winners due to District President by March 1, 2022 District \_\_\_\_\_  
*District winners due to Department Americanism Chairman by March 20, 2022*