

# **SUGGESTIONS FOR GETTING YOUR AMERICANISM PROGRAM STARTED**

- 1) Pocket Flag Project:** This donation-based project provides small Flags to active duty military personnel.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance Banners:** Present them to schools, Scout troops, government offices, churches and local law enforcement.
- 3) Locate and recognize Medal of Honor recipients at a community.**
- 4) Assist those applying for U. S. citizenship: Flag etiquette booklets.**
- 5) Start a Flag retirement program:** Provide a drop-off location and hold a Flag retirement ceremony when needed.
- 6) Hold an Armed Forces Day dinner:** Ask them to wear uniforms.
- 7) Young American Awards:** Visit public and home-schooled students, Cub Scout and Brownie troops and teach the Pledge of Allegiance. Reward them with a certificate and a Flag.
- 8) Frequent Flyer miles:** Donate these to the Department of Defense to help troops on leave from overseas to get home to spend time with family and friends.
- 9) Plan Patriotic Events:** rallies, parades, dinners, etc, for dates listed in the Americanism calendar.
- 10) Sponsor a patriotic coloring contest:** Use the *Pledge of Allegiance coloring book* for this project, or create your own.
- 11) Nominate a candidate for the Teacher of the Year Award.**
- 12) Promote “Veterans in the Classroom:”** Arrange for veterans from the Post to visit with you on Veterans Day.
- 13) Visit nursing homes:** give seniors a small flag and a Buddy Poppy.