

AMERICANISM

Americanism is the Third Pillar of the American Legion. Americanism can best be explained in the following examples of what we do. The Ladewig-Zinkgraf Post 243 has an ongoing involvement. Here are some of the areas Post 243 works with youth and the community to encourage them to become involved.

Badger Boys State: Each year our post sponsors 2 seniors to go to Ripon College for 1 week in mid June. These students get to act as county and state officials, passing ordinances and laws while being taught how our government functions.

County Youth Government Day: Post 243 sponsors this event in which students are invited to the Sheboygan County Court House to observe county government locally. They will get the opportunity to see and talk to the sheriff, district attorney, register of deeds, county clerk, and the county veteran's service officer.

Scholarships: Ladewig-Zinkgraf Post encourages students to apply and compete for scholarships. These are the scholarships the American Legion offers through our post that we are involved in. Scholarships are available at the Post, District, State and the National Level.

Americanism & Government Testing: Sophomores and juniors can receive scholarships of \$250 seniors can receive \$350. The test is done on-line in early April.

High School Oratorical Contest: Students in High School compete for scholarship money at the post level to the National level. Students give an orientation on the Constitution and then a short talk on an amendment.

Junior Shooting Sports: Plymouth Post 243 is the only post that has an American Legion Air Rifle Shooting program. Once a year starting in September an 8 week course is offered to 12-18 year olds teaching them the skills needed to compete in a bulls eye match. Scholarship money is available in the senior category.

Flag Etiquette: is taught at the request of the schools. How to respect the flag by properly displaying it, and what the flag means to our country.

As you can see the development and sponsorship of our youth are important to our post, but that's not the only area we have community involvement. Our post hosts fundraisers such as a G.I. Breakfast and a Packer Ticket Raffle. The proceeds have been donated to memorials, Scholarships, Camp American Legion, which is the only free rehab facility for veterans in Wisconsin, Honor Flight, and the Plymouth Police K-9 effort.

You will also see The American Legion presence at the Memorial Day Parade, Veterans Day ceremonies at Riverview Middle School, Parkview Elementary School and Rocky Knoll, or Posting Colors at a school function or a memorial dedication.

Americanism is alive in Plymouth and Ladewig-Zinkgraf Post 243 is proud to part of it.