



AMERICANISM COMMITTEE

COVER SHEET FOR DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM AWARDS

(This is a 2-page form)

Award Name: _____

Nominee Information

Title: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Sponsoring Post Information

Name and Post number: _____

Commander: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____



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Sponsoring County Information

County Name: _____

Commander: _____

Phone Number: _____

Americanism Chairman: _____

Phone Number: _____

- ❖ Only one entry per County per award will be accepted.
- ❖ All entries must have a completed coversheet.
- ❖ Awards are for events from March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2027 time period.
- ❖ All mailed in entries must be received by the Department Headquarters no later than Thursday, March 18, 2027.
- ❖ Hand delivered entries must be received by the Department Americanism Chairman by 09:30 am Sunday, March 21, 2027.
- ❖ Americanism judging will be at American Legion Post 54 (62 West Main St, Freehold, NJ 07728) on Sunday, March 21, 2027, at 10:00 am.

Date Submitted: _____

County: _____

Signature of County Americanism Chairman or County Commander:



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Department Coloring Contest Rules 2026/2027

The Navesink Twin Lights are two famous lighthouses that once guided ships safely into New York Harbor. It is recognized today as a National Historic Landmark.

Nominees for this award:

- ❖ Students in 4th or 5th grade
- ❖ are not required to be a family member of a Veteran or American Legion Member

To apply for this award, submit the following:

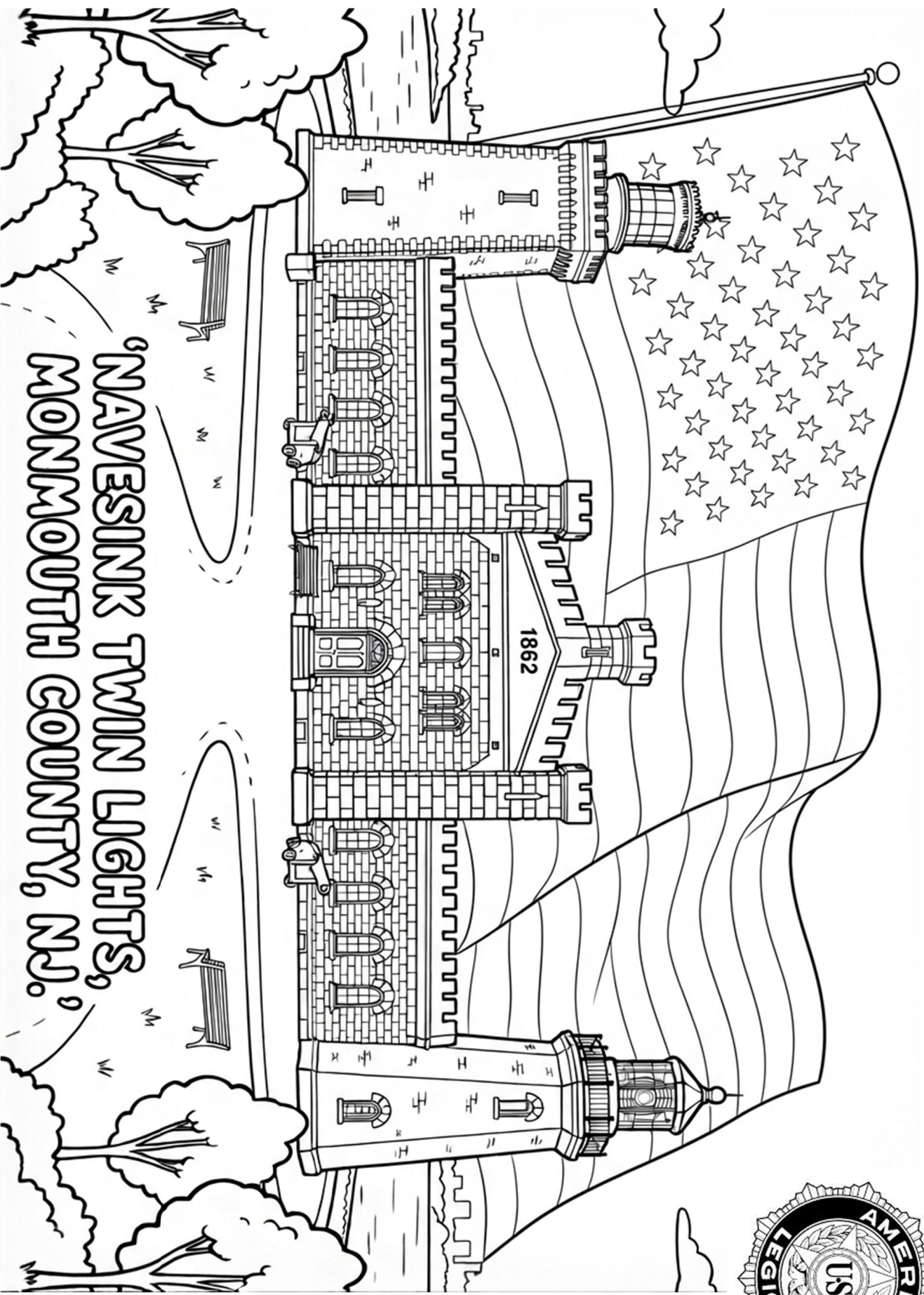
Required Documents

- Completed coloring picture
- Coloring contest information form

Special Notes

- Submissions with missing or illegible information form will be disqualified
- The Department 1st Place winner will be invited to the Department Convention in Wildwood
- Neatness counts for all submissions
- Open to all the schools in the state - public, private, and home-schooled students
- Only one entry per County will be accepted.

American Legion Department of New Jersey



Perched 246 feet high on a hill in New Jersey, the Navesink Twin Lights are two famous lighthouses that once guided ships safely into New York Harbor. Built as a powerful beacon, this historic site was also used to test cool new inventions like early wireless telegraphs and new lighthouse technologies. Because of its unique architecture and important history, it is recognized today as a National Historic Landmark.



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American Legion Coloring Contest Information Form 2026/27

The Navesink Twin Lights

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND SUBMIT WITH COLORING PICTURE

(May be printed on back of picture or submitted as separate sheet)

Student's Name: _____

Student Age: _____ School Grade: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Name of School: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone#: _____

Sponsoring Post Information

Name and Post number: _____

Sponsoring County Information

County Name: _____

Signature of County Americanism Chairman or County Commander:

❖ Completed pictures need to be submitted to your local American Legion.



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Department Americanism Post Award 2026/2027

This award highlights the Post with the most outstanding all-around participation in Americanism activities and involvement in the community.

To apply for this award, submit the following:

Required Documents

- 2-page cover sheet
- Copy of current **Consolidated Post Report** (Draft copy of 2027 report)
- Narrative explaining why the Post should be considered for this award that is signed by the Post Commander or the Post Adjutant

Optional Documents

- Newspaper or web-based articles
- Facebook excerpts
- Event Programs
- Pictures
- Any other relevant documents



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DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE POST AWARD **2026/2027**

This award recognizes the Post that has performed the most outstanding community service project. This project has made a positive impact on their community. The project may, but is not required to, be in relation to any disaster affecting the community. The community service project can be a joint endeavor project with American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion.

To apply for this award, submit the following:

Required Documents

- 2-page cover sheet
- Copy of current **Consolidated Post Report** (Draft copy of 2027 report)
- Narrative of the Project signed by the Post Commander or Post Adjutant that includes the following
 - Project name
 - Location of the project
 - Date and time of the project
 - Description of the project
 - Number of Legion Family members involved (TAL/ALA/SAL)
 - Number of service hours
 - Amount of money spent (if any)
 - Number of people who benefited for the project



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Department Distinguished Service Award 2026/2027

This award recognizes a Legionnaire from the Department of New Jersey whose actions and accomplishments within the American Legion and the Community are demanding of special recognition. Submission for this award should not be based solely upon the duties as related to an elected or appointed office.

To apply for this award, submit the following:

Required Documents

- 2-page cover sheet
- Narrative explaining the accomplishments of the Legionnaire that should be considered for this award that is signed by the Post Commander or the Post Adjutant

Optional Documents

- Recommendation letter(s) written on behalf of the nominated Legionnaire
- Newspaper or web-based articles
- Facebook excerpts
- Pictures
- Any other relevant documents



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Department Medal of Valor Award 2026/2027

This award recognizes a Legionnaire from the Department of New Jersey who had performed an exceptional deed of valor or heroism in the face of imminent danger.

To apply for this award, submit the following:

Required Documents

- 2-page cover sheet
- Narrative explaining the events that have taken place involving the Legionnaire that should be considered for this award that is signed by the Post Commander or the Post Adjutant

Optional Documents

- Recommendation letter(s) written on behalf of the nominated Legionnaire
- Newspaper or web-based articles
- Facebook excerpts
- Pictures
- Any other relevant documents



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Spirit of Americanism Award 2026/2027

This award is for students, youth organizations or patriotic organizations that embody the Spirit of Americanism in our Great Nation and for their outstanding service to Veterans. The nominee will have contributed to the community with patriotic service and volunteerism to help make an event or place special for the Veterans of their community.

Nominees for this award can be either an individual or a group youth organization and their leaders.

To apply for this award, submit the following:

Required Documents

- 2-page cover sheet
- Narrative of the recognized contribution signed by the Post Commander or Post Adjutant that includes the following
 - Contribution name
 - Location of the contribution
 - Date and time of the contribution
 - Description of the contribution

Optional Documents

- Citations or Awards received
- Newspaper or web-based articles
- Facebook excerpts
- Pictures
- Any other relevant documents



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Good Samaritan Award 2026/2027

This award applies to any regular citizen who renders aid to another person or family during an emergency before a First Responders could arrive on the scene. If not for their quick response to the call of help and putting themselves in a precarious situation, the situation would have been worse.

Nominees for this award:

- ❖ are not an active career or volunteer First Responder
- ❖ are not required to be a Veteran or American Legion Member

To apply for this award, submit the following:

Required Documents

- 2-page cover sheet
- Narrative why the nominee should be considered for this award that is signed by the Post Commander or the Post Adjutant

Optional Documents

- Citations or Awards received
- Newspaper or web-based articles
- Facebook excerpts
- Pictures
- Any other relevant documents



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Educator of the Year Award 2026/2027

** An Educator being defined as teachers, teacher's Aides, and administration in any public, private, or parochial school, who are actively employed in their profession. Teachers Homeschooling students can also be considered for this award. Teachers working together as a team promoting Americanism can be considered as well.

This award will be judged on the leadership and participation in promoting American Legion Americanism programs, civic responsibilities, flag etiquette and patriotism. Accomplishments of the educator must be in addition to their assigned duties. If an educator is selected, their school will also receive a plaque with the educator's name on it.

To apply for this award, submit the following:

Required Documents

- 2-page cover sheet
- A recommendation letter from the Educator's supervisor
- Narrative why the educator should be considered for this award that is signed by the Post Commander or the Post Adjutant

Optional Documents

- Citations or Awards received
- Newspaper or web-based articles
- Facebook excerpts
- Pictures
- Any other relevant documents



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Law Enforcement of the Year Award 2026/2027

Eligible recipients must be a US citizen, living, active, full-time, state certified law enforcement officer entrusted with full authority and the powers of arrest who has performed one or more courageous act(s) in the performance of their duty.

- a) The Law Enforcement Officer / Team must reside and be assigned to or fully recognized by a Municipal (City), County, District, State Police, Highway Patrol, Sheriff's office, or US Marshall residing and assigned for duty in the State of NJ.
- b) Not required to be a Veteran or American Legion Member.
- c) The nominee submission must be for actions of heroism, safety or extraordinary performance in a real-life situation rather than answering calls or participation in drills.
- d) An act of extreme compassion in a particular situation could also qualify for the award.
- e) Only one award will be given for this category. The nominee will receive a plaque, and their Unit will also receive a plaque to display at their headquarters.

To apply for this award, submit the following:

Required Documents

- 2-page cover sheet
- A recommendation letter from the Law Enforcement Officer's supervisor
- Narrative why the Law Enforcement Officer should be considered for this award that is signed by the Post Commander or the Post Adjutant

Optional Documents

- Citations or Awards received
- Newspaper or web-based articles
- Facebook excerpts
- Pictures
- Any other relevant documents



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Firefighter of the Year Award 2026/2027

Eligible recipients must be a US citizen, living, active, career or volunteer Firefighter or Team who has performed one or more courageous act(s) in the performance of their duty.

- a) The Firefighter / Team must be a fully recognized Municipal, County, District, State or Federal Firefighter in the State of NJ.
- b) Not required to be a Veteran or American Legion Member.
- c) The nominee submission must be for actions of heroism, safety or extraordinary performance in a real-life situation rather than answering calls or participation in drills.
- d) An act of extreme compassion in a particular situation could also qualify for the award.
- e) Only one award will be given for this category. The nominee(s) will receive a plaque, and their Unit will also receive a plaque to display at their headquarters.

To apply for this award, submit the following:

Required Documents

- 2-page cover sheet
- A recommendation letter from the Firefighter's supervisor
- Narrative why the Firefighter / Team should be considered for this award that is signed by the Post Commander or the Post Adjutant

Optional Documents

- Citations or Awards received
- Newspaper or web-based articles
- Facebook excerpts
- Pictures
- Any other relevant documents



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Emergency Medical Services of the Year Award 2026/2027

Eligible recipients must be a US citizen, living, active, career or volunteer member of the EMT/ First Aid Response Unit (EMTs, Paramedics, Drivers, etc.) who has performed one or more courageous act(s) either in the performance of their duty or off duty.

- a) The nominee(s) must be a fully recognized and certified Municipal, County, District, State or Federal Emergency Medical Service in the State of NJ.
- b) Not required to be a Veteran or American Legion Member.
- c) The nominee submission must be for actions of heroism, safety or extraordinary performance in a real-life situation rather than answering calls or participation in drills.
- d) An act of extreme compassion in a particular situation could also qualify for the award.
- e) Only one award will be given for this category. The nominee will receive a plaque, and their Unit will also receive a plaque to display at their headquarters.

To apply for this award, submit the following:

Required Documents

- 2-page cover sheet
- A recommendation letter from the Emergency Medical Service's supervisor
- Narrative why the Emergency Medical Service should be considered for this award that is signed by the Post Commander or the Post Adjutant

Optional Documents

- Citations or Awards received
- Newspaper or web-based articles
- Facebook excerpts
- Pictures
- Any other relevant documents