

# **American Legion Post 10 Oratorical Contest 2022-2023**

**Saturday 11 December 2022, 1 PM at Post 10.**

**9950 Cockrell Road, Manassas, Virginia 20110**

Competition begins at the post level on 11 December 1pm at Post 10 Manassas, the winner advances to the 16th District competition on February 14<sup>th</sup> at Sanford Post 290, the Northern Region Competition TBD, and the Department (state) competition TBD at the Spring Department Convention. The 2023 National Finals will be April 21-23 in Indianapolis, IN. Post 10 Contest Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$100.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$50.00. Prize awards increase in value at each level of the competition.

The Oratorical contest has two parts: An oration of 8-10 minutes, and a speech of 3-5 minutes on an assigned topic, which will be selected during the competition.

## **Main Oration:**

The 8–10-minute oration must address some aspect of the U.S. Constitution with emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government.

## **Assigned Topics for 2023 Oratorical Contest (3-5 minutes)**

### **Amendment VI**

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense.

### **Amendment X**

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

### **Amendment XIV, Section 1**

All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

## **Amendment XVI**

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration.

### **Contest Rules:**

The contest is open to all high school students under the age of 20.

If you would like to enter the Post 10 Oratorical contest, please email Post 10 Americanism Chair, John Shaw at [johnrshaw1@gmail.com](mailto:johnrshaw1@gmail.com) 703-946-3183. Please submit your entry by Monday 5 December 2022. Include your name, age, school and grade level, parents or guardians' names, street address, email address and phone number.

Contestants must arrive at Post 10 on December 11th by 12:30 pm and should be dressed in business attire (no uniforms (JROTC, Scouts, Young Marines, etc.)). Please bring your prepared oration and your notes on each assigned topic, but you will not be allowed any papers during your orations.

The use of notes, amplification, lectern, or speaker's stand by contestants or prompting in any manner is not permitted. Props are not permitted.

All contestants at each contest level are required to speak in the English language.

It is acceptable to utilize or incorporate short phrases of a foreign language into the prepared oration and/or assigned topic to develop the argument, establish a point, etc. However, the vast majority of the prepared oration and/or assigned topic must be delivered in English.

Quotations must be indicated as such. Where quotations are more than 10 words in length, the author's name must be given in the manuscript and cited orally.