



Department of Missouri Commander's Homecoming

Homecoming Celebration for

Commander Alex Slocum

Saturday, September 12, 2026 - Doors Open at Noon – Program at 1:00 pm

Matthews-Crawford Post 131
733 E Young St
Warrensburg, MO 64093

Hawaiian Theme

Wear Hawaiian Shirt or any Legion Polo Shirt

RSVP with check by September 4, 2026
(seating limited to 100)



Cost: \$25.00 per person – Make Checks Out and Mail to:
Alex Slocum, 109 Fairview Ave, Warrensburg, MO 64093

----- Cut and Return -----

Name(s): _____

Email or Phone # _____

Make Choice of your Entrée: _____ Ham/Pineapple _____ Rosie's Fabulous Meatloaf

Dessert Choice: _____ Banana Cream _____ Pineapple Upside Down Cake

_____ Chocolate Cream _____ Cheese Cake

*UCM home football game and Family Day that weekend
If needed find hotels in other cities*



American Legion Department of Missouri

Commander Project 2026 - 2027

Commander Alex Slocum

Project: **Wreaths Across America**

Web Site: **<https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org>**

Process: To sponsor a wreath(s), go to the above web site or scan the QR code.



Click on Sponsor Wreaths tab (red)

1. Choose number of wreaths and click next
2. Click Choose a Specific Location then click Select your Location
3. In the Search tab (upper left) type in Missouri State Veterans Cemetery and click Search
4. Select from the cemeteries listed (Bloomfield, Higginsville or Jacksonville)
5. To find other participating cemeteries enter the zip code or address in the search tab on right side of the map
6. Follow the steps to customize and complete checkout

- **Online:** Visit www.InnatGrandGlaize.com and enter the code **AL26**.
- **By Phone:** Call **573-348-4731** and mention **The American Legion** or provide the group code to the Front Desk agent.

REMINDER

Certification of Post Officials are due as soon as your Post elections are over. If your Post is not having elections, please send in your Certification of Post Officials ASAP!!!

You must send in a copy of your Certification of Post Officials in order to receive your 2027 Membership Cards.

Even if your post does not have an election, you must submit a current Certification of Post Officials.

If the Post Certification of Officials is submitted saying “SAME AS LAST YEAR”, it will not be accepted.

Certification of Post Officials can be faxed to 573-893-2980, emailed to services@missounilegion.org or membership@missounilegion.org or mailed to the Department Headquarters at

The American Legion
Department of Missouri
PO Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102

If you have any questions about the Certification of Post Officials, please call the Department Headquarters at 573-893-2353.

Send to: The American Legion, PO Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65102 - 0179

Name of Post	Post number	
District	Located in the City of	County

IMPORTANT -- Your Post **Will Not** receive the new membership cards until you return this completed form to Department Headquarters. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ADJUTANT OR PREVIOUS ADJUTANT TO COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM. Forward immediately following the election.

IMPORTANT -- Department mail list of POST OFFICIALS and DIRECTORY are prepared from information on this certification.

Print or Type Name, Complete Mailing Address, Phone Number and Email if applicable	Date of Military Enlistment	Date of Military Discharge	Military Rank and Branch	American Legion Membership #
Commander Address Phone: () Email:				
Adjutant Address Phone: () Email:				
Finance Officer Address Phone: () Email:				
Membership Chrmn. Address Phone: () Email:				

List additional officers on back side

Membership supplies & mailings will go to **Post Adjutant** unless specify otherwise below.

Send Post Mail To:

Indicate Officer of Post Commander/Adjutant/Finance Officer etc.

Street Or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

Early submission of Officers List (9/01/2026) will ensure your Post listing in the 2026/2027 Department Directory.

Additional Officers:

Print or Type Name, Complete Mailing Address, Phone Number and Email if applicable	Date of Enlistment	Date of Discharge	Rank and Branch	American Legion Membership #
Vice Commander Address				
Vice Commander Address				
Service Officer Address				
Historian Address				
Chaplain Address				
Judge Advocate Address				
Sergeant-at-Arms Address				

Post Meeting Dates _____ Time _____ Post Phone (____) _____
 Not to be Post Officers Home Phone #

Physical Address of Post _____
 _____ Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Post Meeting Place If Not At Post _____

Annual Dues \$ _____ Are Officials Bonded? _____ Is Post Incorporated _____

DEPARTMENT BY-LAWS:

ARTICLE IX, SEC. 2 Each Post in the Department shall have a Commander, one or more Vice Commanders, an Adjutant, a Finance Officer, a Chaplain, a Historian, a Sergeant-at-Arms, and such other officers as may be provided by the Constitution and By-laws of the Post.

ARTICLE IX, SEC. 3 The election of Post Officers for the ensuing year shall be held at least thirty days (6/10/26) but not more than sixty days (5/10/26), prior to the the Department Convention (7/09/26) Officers elected shall be installed after the Department Convention, but not later than 10/10/26, after the adjournment of the Annual Department Convention.

POST OFFICER BONDING:

ARTICLE XV, SEC 4 Department By-Laws provides that all Post officials handling American Legion monies shall be properly bonded with a good and solvent bonding and surety company, or by other duly qualified bond, as surety. Bonds should be approved annually by the Post. Many local insurance brokers/agents provide such coverage.

Pursuant to the Department Constitution and By-Laws, I hereby certify that the following Officers have been duly elected to serve the Post as indicated below and that I have examined the service record of each and find them eligible to belong to The American Legion.

Certified by _____

Post Adjutant/Officer

Date

2026—2027 HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
A Constitutional Speech Contest

TO: Post Adjutants or Post Oratorical Chair

This letter inaugurates the 93rd Annual High School Oratorical Contest. For nine decades, Legionnaires of Missouri have unselfishly worked to help boys and girls become better citizens. Certainly, it is a record we can be proud of.

To accomplish our goal, we cannot merely wish for results. It takes hard work by the Post Chair. The Post Chair is **the key** to the Oratorical Program, which can be no better than the number of schools and students enrolled by them.

Post Chair must contact their schools immediately. The minute that high schools receive our materials is when contestants need to begin to prepare for this program.

Contact your schools. Briefly explain the program, its purpose, and what it does for the students. Encourage the school to enroll its entire speech or social studies class, but if the school can enroll only one student, that is fine. Tell the school the name and address of the County Oratorical Chair, available from your District Chairman.

All the forms for the Oratorical Contest are only available online at <https://www.missourilegion.org/general>. This is the only material to be used this year, as outdated materials can cause embarrassment.

Thank you for making the Oratorical program successful. Call or write if I can help in any way.

Sincerely,



Judge Duane Benton, Chair
Department Oratorical Commission

P.S. Oratorical information is now available at
<http://www.missourilegion.org/oratorical>

METHODS OF JUDGING

Zone and state contests have five judges. Lower contests may have three or five judges. Judges should be trained or experienced in public speaking, and (preferably) previously judged speech contests. Judges should not have judged a prior contest including the contestant, or be employed by a school represented by a contestant. Arrangements for judges are made by the Chair of each contest, who should brief the judges before the contest. A judge should not discuss anything about the contest with a contestant before the contest.

During the contest, judges are seated separately. Each judge individually ranks the contestants without consulting anyone else. Judges must use and follow the scorecard on the preceding page.

If the prepared oration or assigned topic ignores the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen, the contestant may be penalized up to 10 points. Judges also downgrade contestants if parts of the assigned topic discourse appear overly “canned.”

The Judges, Timekeepers, Tabulators, and Chair, following the last speech, may proceed to a private room for final tabulation.

Tabulators check each scorecard and then tally the rankings. The contestant receiving lowest total rankings (*not* total points) is the winner. (For example, if contestant #1 receives two firsts, two seconds, and a third on the judges’ score cards, the total score is 9. If contestant #2 receives two firsts, two seconds, and a fourth, the total score is 10. Though contestant #2 receives two firsts, the total score of 10 places second.)

In contests with five judges, if two contestants have the same rankings total, the tie is broken by the rankings of the five judges for the two contestants. One contestant wins by three judges’ Record of Choice – comparing only the rankings of the two top contestants. Total points do *not* break a tie between two contestants.

If three (or more) contestants receive the same rankings total, the tie is broken by the highest total points from all judges. Total points are used only when three (or more) contestants tie on total rankings. In the rare case of a tie on points as well as on rankings, the judges will meet, compare scores and arrive at consensus rankings, which are final.

CERTIFICATION OF CONTESTANTS

Each high school (or home school) may select, in any reasonable way, a contestant to represent it. High school (or home school) contests are preferred in order to increase participation.

A contestant, to advance, must be certified the winner of each prior contest beginning with the high school (or home school). Certification must be made in writing or by e-mail to both the COMMISSION Chair and the CHAIR of the next contest.

If a contest has only one contestant, that student advances to the next higher level. If a winner is disqualified, withdraws, or cannot compete, then the runner-up may advance. If a substitute contestant would delay the contest, the contest shall proceed among available contestants.

The Commission supplies forms to certify contestants. Other written certifications are acceptable if equivalent information is provided. Electronic certification is available for high schools or home schools at www.missourilegion.org/oratorical.

OTHER CONTEST RULES

Publicity – The names of contestants may be released to the media for publicity purposes. Interviews or photographs of contestants are prohibited before the contest. No publicity shall be given to the judges before the contest, who are introduced only after announcement of their decision.

Broadcasts – Television and radio recording is permitted if the normal speaking voice of the contestant is not interfered with or amplified within the auditorium, the lighting and other conditions are the same for all contestants, and the Legion is not obligated financially. Satisfactory arrangements for recording must be made in advance with the Chair of the contest and with the person in charge of the building. Recording shall not change the contest schedule, nor distract the contestants. Any other electronic/digital data gathering, receiving and/or transmitting equipment shall not be used by contestants or audience members during the contest.

Copies of Prepared Oration – Contestants in the district, zone, and state contests shall give the Chair two printed copies of their prepared oration, which clearly show the title. Contestants may possess and consult a copy of their oration until exiting the holding room to speak, when they must leave the copy in the holding room.

Dress – Contestants shall not wear uniforms, or awards and medals from previous competition. Business attire is recommended for all contestants.

Notes and Rostrums – Contestants may not use notes, speaker’s stands, or amplification systems while speaking. Prompting is not allowed, nor props of any kind.

Applause – The Chair at each contest shall try to prevent applause until all contestants speak, so that speakers are judged on merit.

Order of Speaking – Contestants speak in the order determined by a drawing conducted with the Chair, who will refer to the speakers only as Number 1, Number 2, etc.

Announcement of Winner – The Chair does not introduce the contestants by name until after the judges finish all scoring. The Chair announces only the first place winner and alternate, or only those contestants receiving actual awards.

Time Keeper – The Chair names an official timer to keep an accurate time record of each contestant. The timer shall sit on the main floor in full view of the contestants. The timer has a stop watch and time cards with the figures 3, 4, 5 and 6. Timing starts when the contestant starts speaking. When 5 minutes pass in the Prepared Oration, the card with the figure “5” is placed in full view of the speaker, followed by the “6” card at the end of 6 minutes. During the Assigned Topic, the timer uses cards with the figures 3, 4 and 5. (Time cards with the figures 8, 9 and 10 are used for the Oration in the State Finals.) The Chair announces the time immediately after each speech, for the benefit of the judges. The Chair also announces penalty points then, if any.

Escorts – Immediately before the prepared orations, all contestants enter a separate room with an Escort appointed by the Chair, so the other orations cannot be heard. Contestant #1 then goes to the platform for delivery of the oration, following which he or she retires to the separate room. Each student in turn speaks and returns to the room, then all contestants return together to the platform.

Assigned Topic – Immediately before the last prepared oration, the Chair places in separate envelopes the text of the four Assigned Topics, and asks someone in the audience to draw one. The Article or Amendment drawn is the topic for all contestants, but is not then announced. The Chair reads the topic to the judges and audience after the last oration.

Assigned Topic Preparation – Approximately five minutes before delivery of the assigned topic, contestant #1 is first shown the topic and taken to a private room, with an escort who ensures that the contestant does not consult anything except the actual words of the topic.

Each contestant is called in order of previous appearance. Each, also in turn, is shown the topic and escorted to the private room for five minutes, just like contestant #1.

Tabulators – The Chair appoints at least three Tabulators to compile and check the judges’ scorecards before handing them to the Chair. The Chair and the Tabulators shall not divulge the judges’ scorecards to anyone at the site of the contest. Persons interested in the scoring, for professional purposes, may request, from the commission Chair, copies of the scores of a contestant (with judges’ names omitted).

MISSOURI NATIONAL WINNERS

1949	Paul T. Heyne	Concordia
2011	Anisha N. Gururaj.....	Chesterfield
2013	Agnes G. Rieger.....	Kansas City
2014	Ashwath S. Kumar	Columbia

MISSOURI STATE WINNERS

1935	Everett Grese	Concordia	1995	Tina Suneja	Town and Country
1936	Thomas Tierney	St. Louis	1996	Karen M. Barmann	Maryville
1937	Charles Brown	Springfield	1997	Bradley W. Cordes	Raytown
1938	Carl Kenagy, Jr.	Raytown	1998	Erin K. Guyer	Ballwin
1939	Kenneth Hackman.....	Brentwood	1999	Arif H. Kamal	Warrensburg
1940	Olin W. Venable	Boonville	2000	Edward C. Shelton	Kansas City
1941	James J. Jenkins	Maplewood	2001	Ashley S. Oppenheim	Ballwin
1942	Maurice Kraxberger	Salisbury	2002	Ashley S. Oppenheim	Ballwin
1943	Ed Keath	Clayton	2003	Jared R. Wortman	Warrensburg
1944	Richard B. Dempsey	St. Louis	2004	Afrin N. Kamal	Warrensburg
1945	Patrick O'Mera	St. Louis	2005	Alexandra K. Hunstein	Ballwin
1946	Howard Downs.....	Independence	2006	Michael E. Gertz.....	Sedalia
1947	Robert A. Southern.....	Independence	2007	Cody L. Clemons.....	Malta Bend
1948	Robert Wallace	Springfield	2008	Brittany M. Sanders.....	Gladstone
1949	Paul T. Heyne.....	Concordia	2009	Brittany M. Sanders.....	Gladstone
1950	Kenneth Lee Frerking	Concordia	2010	Derek W. Schulze	Warrenton
1951	Martin E. Palmer.....	St. Louis County	2011	Anisha N. Gururaj.....	Chesterfield
1952	Monty Harlow	Springfield	2012	David A. Rogers	Warrensburg
1953	David Morton	Kansas City	2013	Agnes G. Rieger	Kansas City
1954	Thomas Hungerford.....	St. Louis	2014	Ashwath S. Kumar	Columbia
1955	Leonard Goodall.....	Warrensburg	2015	Meghana C. Bharadwaj	Wildwood
1956	Kenneth R. Jennison	Carthage	2016	Meghana C. Bharadwaj	Wildwood
1957	Jeana Sue Herl	Hannibal	2017	Lorinda A. Ruz	Independence
1958	Robert Dickeson	Independence	2018	Makaylah L. Jones	Maryville
1959	June Lynne Skaggs.....	Monett	2019	Marissa M. Gertz.....	Smithton
1960	David J. Wynne.....	St. Louis	2020	Andrew R. Moore	Kahoka
1961	John H. Garabedian	Kansas City	2021	Vignesh Kumar	Columbia
1962	Sandra Lee Appleby.....	St. Charles	2022	Evan T. Becker	St. Charles
1963	Bond R. Faulwell	Kansas City	2023	Jana A. Rawashdeh	St. Peters
1964	John Willibrand	St. Charles	2024	Jana A. Rawashdeh	St. Peters
1965	David Hilgendorf	St. Louis	2025	Gretchen M. House.....	Oldfield
1966	Robert Thedinger	Kansas City	2026	Tess S. Lehman.....	Taylor
1967	Robert Thedinger	Kansas City			
1968	Gary Klingsporn	Monett			
1969	John W. Head.....	Palmyra			
1970	Susan J. Dye	Hannibal			
1971	John W. Head.....	Palmyra			
1972	Joyce Meier	Farrar			
1973	Robert Banks, Jr.....	Monett			
1974	Debbie O. Downs	Manchester			
1975	Joy Anita Haven	Manchester			
1976	Donald A. Calvert	Cape Girardeau			
1977	John F. Gillespie, Jr.....	Manchester			
1978	Charles J. Rupp	Diamond			
1979	Allan H. Harvey.....	Rolla			
1980	Brenda Tompkins.....	Bolckow			
1981	Glen Dasmalchi	Mansfield			
1982	Kevin W. Smith.....	North Kansas City			
1983	Rodney Sexton	Ava			
1984	Patrick Walker	Grandview			
1985	Sam M. Coring	Springfield			
1986	Catherine M. Kintner.....	Jackson			
1987	Marty Tade.....	Columbia			
1988	Rachel L. Bringer	Palmyra			
1989	Bryan D. Watson.....	Milan			
1990	Ted W. Beasley	St. Louis			
1991	Lisa S. Williams.....	Manchester			
1992	Brian W. Prewitt.....	Ballwin			
1993	Amy E. Smith.....	Warrenton			
1994	Tina Suneja.....	Town and Country			

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, INC.

Ninety-Third Annual High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

A CONSTITUTIONAL SPEECH CONTEST

2026-2027



Judge Duane Benton, Chair
Oratorical Commission, P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City 65109
services@missourilegion.org

ZONE I

Larry J. DuFour (636) 441-7102
106 Mill Run Lane. St. Peters 63376
Christine A. Sapp (573) 469-3461
608 Appaloosa Dr. Ashland 65010

ZONE II

Mark M. Hummer (816) 390-4521
12820 Jantzen Ln. Platte City 64079
Stephen J. Olson (660) 831-0982
423 E. North St. Marshall 65340

ZONE III

Patricia C. Olmstead (417) 684-7512
1005 S. Main St. El Dorado Springs 64744
David E. Shafer (573) 528-9170
14325 Camden Ln. Dixon 65459

ZONE IV

Darlene Coats (314) 477-6841
5389 Wells Avenue. St. Louis 63112
John L. Midkiff (636) 207-0626
1277 Mautenne Dr. Ballwin 63021



www.missourilegion.org/oratorical

CERTIFICATION FOR
THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, INC.
HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST

Date _____

THIS CERTIFICATION SHOULD BE MAILED **OR** E-MAILED
ON OR BEFORE **NOVEMBER 30th**.

The total number of students in our high school who participated in the Oratorical Contest is:

Number of Students (Please include **all students who studied** for this program.)

Student selected to represent our High School in the County (or Group) Contest:

Mr./Ms. _____ (NAME)	_____ (STREET)	_____ (CITY, STATE, ZIP)
_____ (GRADE) (AGE)	_____ (EMAIL ADDRESS)	_____ (PHONE NUMBER)

Alternate Selection:

_____ (NAME)	_____ (STREET)	_____ (CITY, STATE, ZIP)
_____ (GRADE) (AGE)	_____ (EMAIL ADDRESS)	_____ (PHONE NUMBER)

HIGH SCHOOL _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY & ZIP _____ COUNTY _____

PRINCIPAL Mr./Ms. _____ PHONE _____

TEACHER/COACH Mr./Ms. _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Local Newspaper Name/Address _____

You may enter electronically at <https://form.jotform.com/240594099096165>

MAIL THIS COPY TO

Judge Duane Benton, Chair
Department Oratorical Commission
The American Legion
PO Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102
services@missourilegion.org

OR E-MAIL TO

"High schools may select, in any reasonable manner, a contestant to represent the school. Each contestant, to advance, must be certified the winner of each prior contest beginning with the high school. Certification must be made in writing to both the COMMISSION Chair and the CHAIR of the next contest. If a winner is disqualified, withdraws, or cannot compete, then the second-place contestant may advance. If a substitute contestant is not available without undue delay, the contest shall proceed among available contestants."



For God and Country

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93rd ANNUAL
2026-2027 ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
A Constitutional Speech Contest

Greetings High School Administrator:

The American Legion Department of Missouri, teaming with your local Post, will again sponsor the High School oratorical contest. The contest meets the guidelines of the Missouri State High School Activities Association and appears in the Advisory List of Contests and Activities, of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The Legion contest is a partner with the National Speech & Debate Association, the honor society for high school students (formerly the National Forensic League).

The Oratorical Contest exists to increase students' knowledge of the Constitution of the United States, to develop the ability to think and speak clearly, and to promote the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

We hope your students will participate in the Contest this year. We encourage you to enroll at least one to represent your school.

This year, state finalists will receive the largest scholarship certificates ever--for **\$5,000, \$2,500, \$2,250, and \$2,000** respectively--redeemable after graduation at any college. Also, some colleges grant substantial scholarships to the participants.

All information about the contest is at <http://missourilegion.org/oratorical> For any questions, simply contact Department Headquarters, PO Box 179, Jefferson City, 65102, services@missourilegion.org, or call (573) 893-2353

To enter a student, send the Form to me or you may enter electronically at <https://form.jotform.com/240594099096165>

School administrators and educators have supported this program for the past 92 years. We trust it continues to earn the cooperation of your speech, social studies, civics, government, and similar programs.

Sincerely,

Judge Duane Benton, Chair
Department Oratorical Commission

P.S. Feel free to pass this to your speech teacher/coach, and to other interested teachers or students.

2026-2027 High School Oratorical

District Chairs- As of 8/01/26

District	Chairs	Email	Phone
1 st District	Ed Anderson, 602 S. Campbell St., Edina MO 63537 [Ralls, Schuyler, Scotland, Clark, Adair, Knox, Shelby, Lewis, Macon, Marion, Monroe]	eanders1@sbcglobal.net	(660) 341-1416
2 nd District	Matt Hopper, 16365 LIV 222 Chillicothe, MO 64601 [Mercer, Putnam, Grundy, Sullivan, Livingston, Linn, Carroll, Chariton, Randolph]	Hoppermatt4@gmail.com	(660) 973-6518
3 rd District	Jeffrey Benes, 4934 Norwood St, Westwood, KS 66205 [Worth, Harrison, Gentry, DeKalb, Daviess, Clinton, Caldwell, Clay, Ray]	Americanlegion236@gmail.com	(913) 334-8722
4 th District	Mark Hummer, 12820 Jantzen Ln, Platte City, MO 64079 [Atchison, Nodaway, Holt, Andrew, Buchanan, Platte]	Markmh1409@gmail.com	(816) 390-4521
5 th District	Rachel Merlos 3302 S Hawthorne Ave, Independence MO 64052 [Jackson County]	penguincook20@yahoo.com	(816) 786-1786
6 th District	Patricia C. Olmstead, 1005 S. Main St., El Dorado Springs MO 64744 [Cass, Johnson, Bates, Henry, Vernon, St. Clair, Cedar]	patriciaolmstead@hotmail.com	(417) 684-7512
7 th District	Stephen Olson, 423 E North St., Marshall, MO 65340 [Lafayette, Saline, Howard, Pettis, Benton, Hickory]	stephen.j.olson@hotmail.com	(660) 831-0982
8 th District	Christine Sapp, 608 Appaloosa Dr Ashland, MO 65010 [Callaway, Cooper, Boone, Morgan, Cole, Osage, Camden, Miller, Moniteau]	csapp88130@gmail.com	(573) 469-3461
9 th District	Larry DuFour, 106 Mill Run Ln., St. Peters MO 63376 [Audrain, Pike, Montgomery, Lincoln, Warren, Gasconade, St. Charles, Franklin]		(636) 441-7102
10 th District	Arder Jordan 14564 Pettycoat Ln., Florissant, MO 63033 [St. Louis County]	arder@att.net	(314) 355-2555
11 th /12 th District	Darlene Coats, 5389 Wells Ave, St. Louis MO 63112 [St. Louis City]	darlenecoats@sbcglobal.net	(314) 367-1173 (314) 477-6841
13 th District	Duane DeClue, 108 Virginia Ave., Crystal City MO 63019 [Jefferson, Washington, Iron, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Perry, Madison, Reynolds]	duanedecclue@earthlink.net	(636) 208-9097
14 th District	Bill Kidd, 10824 Ranchhouse Ln, Dexter, MO 63841 [Bollinger, Carter, Ripley, Butler, Stoddard, Cape Girardeau, Pemiscot, Dunklin, New Madrid, Mississippi, Scott]	bkusvet@gmail.com	(573) 625-3810
15 th District	[Barton, Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, Newton, McDonald, Barry]		
16 th District	David E. Shafer, 14325 Camden Ln., Dixon 65459 [Oregon, Maries, Pulaski, Phelps, Laclede, Crawford, Dent, Wright, Texas, Shannon, Howell]	shaferde@windstream.net	(573) 528-9170
17 th District	Bill Roark, 3712 W. Morningside St., Springfield MO 65807 [Polk, Dallas, Greene, Webster, Christian, Douglas, Stone, Taney, Ozark]	bill.roark@gmail.com	(417) 207-0038

Checklist
POST Oratorical Chair
for
Local high-school contests

The High School Oratorical Contest—one of our great Americanism programs—emphasizes knowledge about the U.S. Constitution. It stimulates speaking abilities for high school youth, along with emphasis on the duties, rights, and responsibilities of citizenship under the Constitution.

The Post Oratorical Chair (and Committee) are the key to participation. Here are some specific suggestions.

- _____ 1. Study the Missouri Rules Brochure for all details of the program. Or visit <https://www.missourilegion.org/oratorical>
- _____ 2. Contact local high schools to encourage participation. (Talk with principals and relevant teachers—speech, social studies, and history teachers—as well as school board members and other community leaders..)
- _____ 3. A local high school contest has only one speech—an oration on some phase of the U.S. Constitution with emphasis on the attendant duties, rights, responsibilities, and privileges of citizenship. It must last between 5-6 minutes.*
- _____ 4. Volunteer to help—if asked by the high school—to furnish judges, timekeepers, and other helpers.*
- _____ 5. Find out when the County Contest is. Tell the local schools of the time, place, and date of County Contest. Also, tell them of name of the County Chair. [If there's any doubt who the County Chair is, please do contact the District Chair, listed on the enclosed list.]
- _____ 6. Remind the high school to certify the winner's name, age, grade, and address, and total number of students who study the topic, to the District Chair and to the State Oratorical Chair. **DEADLINE - NOVEMBER 30th**

Remember, entry is easy at <https://form.jotform.com/240594099096165>

- _____ 7. Arrange with your Post to sponsor the winner to the next contest levels. Arrange transportation, if needed. Ask Post members to attend subsequent contests.

* **Note:** Local high schools may conduct the contest in any reasonable way, and most conduct no contest.