Thank you for reading and sharing the attached information with other members in your Posts, Counties and Districts. Post Mailings are an excellent resource for all of you. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT** that this information is taken to your meetings and shared with **all members. You can print and distribute or forward the email as needed. If you are not the correct person to be receiving and DISTRIBUTING this information to your Post, County or District, please contact headquarters.** Each Post Mailing can also be found on the web at [wilegion.org/post-mailing](http://wilegion.org/post-mailing) under the Get connected tab.

Enclosed in this edition is the following information:

- Celebration of Freedom Flyer
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  - Oratorical 2021 Rules
  - Oratorical Volunteer form

If you have any questions regarding this mailing or any other matter, please contact Department Headquarters.

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin
2930 American Legion Dr.
P.O. Box 388
Portage, WI 53901
Ph: (608) 745-1090
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# 2020 FALL CONFERENCES

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To receive weekly updates/changes/cancellation, register at [https://wilegion.org/contact-signup/](https://wilegion.org/contact-signup/)
Return of Fired Targets

All targets must be mailed to Department Headquarters for OFFICIAL scoring. DO NOT score targets before sending them in. Any targets that have been plugged will be disqualified. Fired targets are to be returned FLAT in a large envelope. Returned targets MUST BE postmarked no later than March 1, 2021 to qualify. The Department IS NOT responsible for missing or improperly addressed packages.

Awards

Each competitor will receive a participation medal from Headquarters. Trophies will be awarded for first place in each age category. A trophy will be awarded to highest team score (total of top four scores from one club). Scholarships will be awarded to the 3 highest individual match scores in the Senior category (15-18 yrs. old) as follows: 1st place - $1,000; 2nd place - $750; 3rd place - $250.

Match Conduct

All phases of the Individual and Team Postal match will be conducted in accordance with the Official Match program and the National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules. To obtain copies of these rules you can contact National Three-Position Air Rifle Council by email: 3PAR@odcmp.com or telephone 419-635-2141 (Ext 1102). These rules may be viewed or downloaded from the CMP website at http://www.odcmp.com/3P.htm

Integrity:

Postal tournaments are conducted with the expectation that each competitor will have the integrity to fire the match according to the rules. Any individual or team discovered taking advantage of tournament rules will be disqualified.

Mail fired targets and transmittal form to:

The American Legion,
Department of Wisconsin
Attention: Jr. Shooting Sports
P.O. Box 388
Portage, WI 53901

The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program is a gun safety education and marksmanship program that encompasses the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment and competition.

All phases of the Individual and Team postal match will be conducted in accordance with this Official Match program and the National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle rules. The Department of Wisconsin’s Junior Shooting Sports Program begins November 1 and ends on March 1 of the following year.

For More Information

Contact Sheri, Programs Coordinator at (608) 745-1090 or sheri@wilegion.org
**Purpose**

A postal match offers junior air rifle shooters a competition designed to encourage and reward individual marksmanship skills. The match can be shot at a club range without a lot of expense or travel. This Department Postal Match is separate from the National competition.

**Eligibility**

**Who May Compete**

Entry in either the Individual or Team Postal match is limited to competitors who are active members of a Junior Shooting Club sponsored by or affiliated with an American Legion Post.

A representative from a sponsoring Post MUST be present when the match is fired.

An individual may enter this match only once per this postal tournament. Any person between the ages of 8 to 18 years is eligible to compete. This postal match is for the Sporter category only.

**Individual Categories:**

3P Sporter—Beginner, 8-11 years old

3P Sporter—Junior, 12-14 years old

3P Sporter—Senior, 15-18* years old

*An athlete may compete until August 31 of the year they graduate from high school

**Team:**

Teams of four (4) participants must register BEFORE the match is shot. The team match is an unfired match generated by the fired scores of four participating individuals. Shooters may fire on only one team per this postal tournament.

**Rules-Course of Fire**

The current National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules will apply. This is a 3x10 event. Ten shots in each position: prone, standing and kneeling. Shots must be fired in the position order stated.

Rule books may be ordered, viewed, or downloaded from the CMP website at:


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**Equipment**

**Sporter Air Rifle**—The Sporter Air Rifle is intended to be a low cost, entry-level rifle without specialized modifications. Sporter air rifles must be .177 caliber (.45 mm) pneumatic, spring air, or compressed air of CO₂ rifles with a muzzle velocity of 600 fps or less that comply with these requirements. See the National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle rule book for a complete list of approved rifles (4,2,1).

**How to Order Official Targets**

**Registration**

Official postal targets for this tournament must be ordered using the Target Set Order Form. This is an online fillable form or can be downloaded at www.wilegion.org.

Set target order requests will not be accepted after February 1, 2021. The entry form includes a ROSTER that must be filled out for each participating athlete. Official postal targets and forms will be mailed for all registered participants. In addition, all participating teams and Posts must complete and submit a registration form in order to be considered for any scholarships and/or trophies.

**Entry Fee**

Entry fee: $5.00 per individual shooter, additional $10 to enter four (4) shooters as a team. All entry fees are used to offset the cost of the postal match.

**Targets**

Only targets ordered from Headquarters will be accepted. Targets (10 record bullseyes, 2 sighting bullseyes) are required. Only one shot is fired on each record bullseye. Each target must contain the shooter’s name, position fired and age. No photocopied targets or substitutes will be accepted.
Friday, January 15, 2021: Department Standing Committee Meetings.  
(Meetings begin at 8:00 a.m.)

Saturday, January 16, 2021: Training, Training, Training… Legionnaires have filled out questionnaires as to what type of classes they would like, and we have listened and continue to listen. Contact Angie at Headquarters if there is something your Post is interested in and we will try and make it happen.  
Saturday Evening join Commander Wischer for dinner followed by Full Tilt DJ & Games Show. More fun than you can handle!

Sunday, January 17, 2021: Department Executive Committee Meeting  
(All schedules are subject to change)

There are many chances to win (Drawing will be held Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM):

- Grand prize is $10,000.00
- 2nd Place Prize is $5,000.00
- 3rd Place Prize is $2,500.00
- 4th Place Prize is $1,000.00
- 5th Place Prize is $500.00
- 6th Place Prize is $500.00
- 7th Place Prize is $250.00
- 8th Place Prize is $250.00

WATCH wilegion.org FOR MORE MIDWINTER INFORMATION AND UPDATES!

Any questions or class requests can be referred to Angie Chappell, Administrative Manager, P.O. Box 388 Portage, WI 53901- (608) 745-1090- angela@wilegion.org.
National Commander's Pin Incentive Program

American Legion National Commander James W. “Bill” Oxford will award his national commander "A Foundation for the Future" membership excellence pin to any Legionnaire who obtains three new members into The American Legion.

A new member is any eligible person joining for the 2021 membership year who was not a member of The American Legion during the 2020 membership year.

Each member listed must be eligible for membership in The American Legion. Forward names of Sons of The American Legion members or Auxiliary members to your detachment or unit for use in their respective incentive programs.

Only one pin will be awarded per individual. Upon receipt, national membership staff will confirm the names and mail the pin directly to the person who earned it.
100% AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY RIBBON

American Legion National Commander James W. “Bill” Oxford will award his 100 percent American Legion Family Ribbon to any American Legion Family that achieves 100 percent membership by May 30, 2021. For this award, the Legion Family is defined as a post and any combination of an Auxiliary unit, Sons squadron or Legion Riders chapter. Each branch must achieve 100 percent membership to qualify for the award.
Date: ______________________________________________________________

Name: __________________________________________________________________

Membership ID Number: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Street Address or PO Box: ____________________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

Email Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

☐ MAIL TO RECRUITER  ☐ MAIL TO POST

TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO RECRUIT (3) NEW MEMBERS INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION.


PLEASE FORWARD THE NAMES OF NEW SAL MEMBERS OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO YOUR SQUADRON OR UNIT FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. CONTACT YOUR STATE HEADQUARTERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BEFORE SUBMISSION. PINS WILL NOT BE MAILED UNTIL THEY ARE VERIFIED ON THE NATIONAL DATABASE.

THE DEADLINE FOR THIS INCENTIVE IS JUNE 30, 2021.

(3) NEW MEMBERS:
(Include full name, ID number, department, post)

1. _________________________________________________________________________________________________

2. _________________________________________________________________________________________________

3. _________________________________________________________________________________________________

Return completed forms to:
The American Legion
National Internal Affairs & Membership Division
PO Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Fax: 317-630-1413
Email: kadams@legion.org
Assigned Topics for 2021 Oratorical Contest

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Oratorical Scholarship Program

For more information, visit the Oratorical page on our website at http://www.wilegion.org.

Or contact Department Headquarters:
The American Legion
Department of Wisconsin
2930 American Legion Drive
PO Box 388
Portage, WI 53901
608-745-1090 or (Toll-free) 855-945-4466
sheri@wilegion.org

The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program is “A Constitutional Speech Contest” which presents participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation’s laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

Contest Dates and Locations

Each post, district and county sets their own competition dates. Most will be held sometime in November, December or January to accommodate the State and Regional Competition. District winners advance to the Regional and State Contest.

The 84th Annual High School Oratorical Regional and Final Contests are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 2021 at the Todd Wehr Building on the Ripon College Campus.

The Wisconsin Competition winner will then advance to The American Legion National level of competition at the Wyndham Indianapolis West in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 9 to April 11, 2021.

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The Oratorical Program is open to all area high school students. Each participant must be sponsored by a local Legion Post.

The contests begin at the local or post level, with the opportunity for participants to advance to the county, district, regional, state and, ultimately, the national level.

Each contestant delivers two orations, the first being a prepared eight to 10 minute oration about some phase of the Constitution of the United States, emphasizing the duties and responsibilities of U.S. citizens.

The second oration consists of a three to five minute speech on a randomly assigned constitutional topic. There are four assigned topics and, because they are randomly selected by the Oratorical Chairman at each competition, students must be prepared to speak on all of them.

The use of notes, props, a lectern, prompting of any type, and amplification devices are not allowed during the actual oratorical presentations.

Participants are ranked by a panel of qualified judges whose decision is final. Specific rules for breaking possible ties are strictly adhered to.

Scholarship Opportunities:

* District winners qualify for Regional Competition

Participants eliminated at the Regional level receive $600

Three Regional Winners receive $1000 and compete for the State title

The State 2nd runner up receives an additional $1000

The State 1st runner up receives an additional $1500

The Department Winner receives an additional $2000

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General information

The purpose of The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program "A Constitutional Speech Contest" is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States among high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, rights, and privileges of American citizenship.

Scholarships

Scholarship awards are presented to the three finalists in the final round of the national contest as follows: 1st place: $25,000; 2nd place: $22,500; 3rd place: $20,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified into and participates in the first round of the national contest will receive a $2,000 scholarship. Each first round winner who advances to and participates in the second round, but does not advance to the final round, will receive an additional $2,000 scholarship to pursue education beyond high school.

The national organization of The American Legion will award scholarships to the three finalists, department winners, and first round winners who are eliminated during the second round of competition. These scholarships may be used to attend any college or university in the United States.

A contestant must give both his or her prepared oration and the assigned topic discourse to receive the scholarship.

In addition to the scholarships awarded by the national organization, there are several hundred scholarships awarded at the discretion of intermediate organizations, to participants at post, district or county, and department levels of competition.

Department contests

Arrangements for contests leading to the department finals shall be the responsibility of each department (state) organization of The American Legion. For those levels of competition prior to the department finals, the rules and regulations set forth in this brochure are not mandatory — they are offered as a guideline. However, all department finals contests shall conform with national contest procedures, rules and regulations, if the department wishes its finalist to compete in the national finals.

A winner certified to the National Americanism Division of The American Legion by a department which did not conduct its final competition in conformity with the rules and regulations as set forth herein may, in the judgment of the director of the Americanism Division or the director’s representative, be disqualified from competition in the national contest.

Each department may certify one contestant into the national contest. If for any reason the department winner is unable to compete in the national contest, the department first runner-up may be substituted following approval by The American Legion’s National Americanism Commission. A department first runner-up accepted into national competition will be entitled to all national awards, entitlements and compensation that the department winner would have received had she/he participated at that level.
For information about the Oratorical Contest in your state, contact your American Legion post or state headquarters.

Eligibility

Eligible participants in the contest shall be citizens of or lawful permanent residents of the United States.

All contestants must be bona fide students herein described as any student under the age of 20 years on the date of the national contest who is presently enrolled in a high school or junior high school (public, parochial, military, private or state accredited home school) in which the curriculum of said high school is considered to be of high school level, commencing with grade nine and terminating with grade 12. Students must be enrolled in high school or junior high school during the time of participation at any level of The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest.

High school students that graduate early during the school year are eligible to compete if they are not enrolled in a college, university, trade school or other institution of higher learning at the time of the department finals contest.

Contestants must be either legally domiciled within or attend an educational institution within the department (state) where they enter competition. Contestants can enter competition in only one department.

The three finalists of the national contest will be ineligible for further participation at any level.

Prepared oration

The subject to be used for the prepared oration in the Oratorical Contest must be on some aspect of the Constitution of the United States with emphasis to the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. The same subject and oration used in the department contest must be used in the national contest.

The prepared oration must be the original effort of each contestant and must not take up less than eight minutes or more than 10 minutes for delivery.

Contestants may have in their possession a copy of their prepared oration in the first holding room. The copy may be electronic or paper form. They may consult the copy of their prepared oration until they exit the holding room in order to begin the contest. At that time the copy of the prepared oration will be surrendered to the contest official who is monitoring the first holding room.

In the prepared oration, as well as in the assigned topic discourse, 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.

Assigned topic

The assigned topic discourse must not consume less than three minutes or more than five minutes for delivery. The purpose of the assigned topic discourse is to test the speaker’s knowledge of the subject, the extent of his or her research, and the ability to discuss the topic as related to the basic principles of government under the Constitution.

The assigned topic shall be drawn by the contest official in full view of the audience immediately before the last speaker begins delivery of his/her prepared oration and will be made known to the audience and each contestant approximately five minutes prior to the time of delivery. The topic will be on some phase of the Constitution of the United States selected from Articles and Sections. Below are the assigned topics for 2021.

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No foreign languages or songs
All contestants at each contest level are required to speak in the English language on the same assigned topic.

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

Also, the singing of a song in any language is not permitted and will result in the immediate disqualification of the contestant. The contestant may, however, quote a verse(s) of a song provided proper attribution is made.

What to wear
Uniforms are not permitted. Appropriate business attire is required by all contestants. Contestants are not permitted to wear awards and medals from previous competition.

Contest regulations
A drawing shall be held by the official in charge of the contest to determine the order in which the contestants will appear. The contest chairman shall announce the title of the contestant’s prepared oration immediately after introducing him/her as contestant No. 1, contestant No. 2, etc. The chairman will request the audience to refrain from applause until the judges have made their decision.

A raised platform is not compulsory, however, it is strongly recommended. The use of notes, amplification, lec-tern or speaker’s stand by contestants or prompting in any manner is not permitted. Props are not permitted.

The use of any type of electronic/digital data gathering, receiving and/or transmitting equipment in any form by contestants or members of the audience is prohibited.

The time allotted for each contestant to deliver their prepared oration shall not be less than eight or more than 10 minutes, and for the assigned topic, not less than three or more than five minutes.

An official timer shall be named by the contest chairman whose duty it shall be to keep an accurate time record of each contestant, and she/he shall be located on the main floor in full view of the contestants. The timekeeper shall begin timing each contestant at the start of the prepared oration. The timer should be equipped with a stopwatch and time cards for the prepared oration carrying the figures 8, 9 and 10. When eight minutes have been used, the time warning card with the figure 8 thereon shall be placed in full view of the speaker, following with 9 and 10 as the speaker progresses. The same procedure shall be used with cards bearing 3, 4 and 5 during the assigned topic discourse. The contest chairman shall announce the time consumed by each contestant for the prepared oration and the assigned topic immediately after each contestant speaks for the benefit of the judges.

Contestants are required to remain in a private room, where the discourse of the other speakers cannot be heard, until it is their turn to speak (contestants will be under the supervision of an individual appointed by the contest chairman). As the contestants conclude their prepared orations, they must return to a sound-proof holding room. As each speaker concludes his or her assigned topic discourse, they shall not be allowed to associate with contestants who have not fulfilled the assigned topic requirement.

Approximately five minutes prior to the time of the delivery of the assigned topic discourse, contestant No. 1 will be informed of the topic drawn for the assigned topic and shall be permitted to retire to privacy under the direction of an individual appointed by the contest chairman, whose duty it shall be to see that no contestant is permitted to consult any text matter or notes having any connection with the subject matter upon which he/she is to speak, other than the actual words of the topic provided on the card drawn.

Each succeeding contestant will be called upon in the order in which she/he previously appeared. She/he shall also, in turn, be informed of the topic of the assigned topic discourse and shall then be escorted to privacy in the manner as provided for contestant No. 1.

Judges
The judges are an integral part of the Oratorical Contest. Their qualifications are considered carefully as the decision of the judges is final and must be reached without bias. Impartial judging in all contests is the key to fairness and success of the program which results in the selection of a national champion.

All department finals and the national contest must use five judges. No publicity shall be given to the names of the judges in advance of the contest. During the contest, the judges will be seated in different locations in the auditorium and each judge shall render his or her final decision without consultation with other judges or any other person.

Judges will be advised that a lack of emphasis in the prepared oration and the assigned topic discourse on the duties and obligations of a citizen must result in their downgrading the contestant. Judges are permitted to downgrade a contestant up to a maximum of 10 points for failure to speak about the Constitution. The contest chairman will announce any violation of time for each contestant. A penalty of one point for each minute, or fraction
thereof, shall be assessed against the contestant’s total score. The judges, timekeepers, tabulators and the contest chairman, following the last assigned topic discourse, may proceed to a private room for final review and tabulation. The decision of the judges is final.

Tabulators
The contest chairman will appoint no less than three tabulators for the department finals contest. It will be their responsibility to review the judges’ scorecards to be certain they are fully tabulated and signed before they are submitted for final tabulation.

 Judges’ scorecards for department finals and the national contest will not be divulged to anyone at the site of the contest. All national contest judges’ scorecards become the property of The American Legion National Headquarters.

National finals contest
- The national finals contest will be held at the Wyndham Indianapolis West hotel April 9-11, 2021, in Indianapolis. Quarterfinal and semifinal rounds are scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 10. The championship is scheduled for Sunday, April 11.
- All contestants and chaperones will arrive on Friday, April 9. All contestants will be lodged at a hotel to be determined in Indianapolis.
- A mandatory pre-contest orientation session for all contestants will be held the evening of Friday, April 9.
- A banquet honoring all contestants will be held the afternoon of Sunday, April 11.
- All contestants and chaperones will depart for home after the banquet on Sunday.

Travel expenses
The national organization of The American Legion will pay the travel and lodging expenses of department winners and one chaperone to the national contest. All contestants must be accompanied by a chaperone over 21 years of age, preferably a parent of the contestant.

The national organization of The American Legion shall not assume liability for personal injury, property damage or loss sustained by any contestant or chaperone en route to or from the contest; however, The American Legion does carry a nominal group accident insurance policy on contestants certified into the national competition.

Contestants will travel by an air carrier selected by the national organization of The American Legion or personal automobile if previously approved by the national organization of The American Legion.

TV and radio
Live television and radio broadcasts are permitted in all contests as well as filming or other types of media for later showing, provided: 1) the lighting and other site conditions are the same for all contestants; 2) the filming or broadcasts shall in no way distract the contestants or interfere with the announced scheduled time of the contest; 3) the normal speaking voice of the contestant is not interfered with or amplified within the auditorium; and 4) The American Legion is in no way financially obligated for anything without its prior approval.

For more information
Individuals interested in learning more about The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest should contact:
- For dates, sites and deadline information concerning local, district and state level competition, contact your local American Legion post or their state headquarters office of The American Legion.
- For information concerning the national contest, Americanism Division, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1055; telephone (317) 630-1204; or email americanism@legion.org.
## THE AMERICAN LEGION
HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - "A CONSTITUTIONAL SPEECH CONTEST"

### JUDGE'S SCORECARD

**NAME OF JUDGE:**

### A. CONTENT

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<th>1. Was the speech original, fresh, and direct, applying the contestant’s knowledge?</th>
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<td>2. Did the contestant skillfully select examples, descriptions, analogies, and specific data?</td>
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<td>4. Did the contestant show a comprehensiveness of knowledge of the subject matter?</td>
<td>Prepared Oration</td>
<td>16 points</td>
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<td>Assigned Topic</td>
<td>6 points</td>
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### B. SPEAKING SKILLS

| 1. Did the contestant use volume, rate, pitch, and diction effectively? | Prepared Oration | 6 points |
| Assigned Topic | 4 points |
| 2. Rate the contestant’s style: language use, word arrangement and selection, and transitions. | Prepared Oration | 6 points |
| Assigned Topic | 4 points |
| 3. Were body actions – poise, eye contact, posture, gestures, facial expressions – appropriate? | Prepared Oration | 6 points |
| Assigned Topic | 4 points |

### SUB-TOTAL

**PENALTIES:** 1 point for each minute or fraction thereof over or under allotted time

| Prepared Oration |
| Assigned Topic |

1-10 points for failure to speak on the Constitution

| Prepared Oration |
| Assigned Topic |

**Final Total Points**

| Position Number - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| (Highest Points = 1st place, second highest points = 2nd place, etc.) |

Score all contestants - NO TIES PERMITTED

Judge’s Signature: ___________________________
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legion.org/departments

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I would like to volunteer for the following during the Department Oratorical Contest:

My First Choice: ________________________________________ My Second Choice: ____________________________

Please complete the information and email Sheri at address below:

Name: _______________________________________________ Post #: ______________ District #: __________
Address: _____________________________________________ City: ________________________________
Email address: __________________________________________ Zip Code: _______________
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Please submit no later than December 3, 2020

If you are interested in volunteering at the Oratorical Regional/State Contest, please fill out this form and submit it to Sheri via email. If you have any questions, please contact Sheri at 608-745-1090 or email her at: sheri@wilegion.org