

16th District Americanism Report

Flags for First Graders Ceremony: Post 10 Commander Mark Stein and 16th District Americanism Director Jim Brock were honored by the Manassas City School Board for the Flags for 1st Graders program which is taught at all the city's elementary schools. The program teaches the children what the words in the Pledge of Allegiance mean. The children are also taught the history of the U.S. Flag from our country's beginning until now.



Post 10 Commander Mark Stein and Americanism District Director Jim Brock receiving thank you letters from the 1st grade students from Jennie Dean Elementary School.

Director Brock established and ran the Flags for First Graders program for all schools in Prince William County for the last thirteen years. Director Brock plans to be moving to Myrtle Beach, SC by the end of the year. To continue this

program someone needs to step up and take over this program. Most of the work is accomplished by the schools, but there is some work that needs to be done by someone in the 16th District. It would take about two to three days work each year to keep this program running.

American Legion Middle School Essay Contest: Ms. Anna Downes, an 8th Grade student from All Saints Catholic school was the American Legion Post 10 and 16th District winner for the contest. At the Department conference on 29 February 2020 she was picked as the Department winner. We hope to present these letters of appreciation along with the checks to Ms. Downes and her teacher Mrs. Melissa DeBruyne on Monday 23 March 2020 at the All Saints School.