

Americanism Report for Annual Meeting of MDSSAR, 24 April 2021

It has been a busy time since the January Board of Managers Meeting.

2020 Americanism Score Sheets

Shown in the table below is a summary of the points of each chapter, as submitted in March 2021, with comparisons to the previous year. As expected, the numbers were down for almost every chapter and the state in every category. What should be kept in mind, especially for the members, is that the count is reflective of paid-up members on 01 January 2020, as determined during the annual reconciliation between state and national roster lists. This points out another good reason to get the dues of all members paid by the end of each calendar year, rather than the current practice of many members being reinstated because they did not pay on time. As they are not part of the starting count for the chapter, this can impact the class size against which a chapter is compared. Unless in the judging the final numbers are used rather than the initial numbers, two of our largest chapters (MD01, MD06) dropped into the 50-99 chapter size, and one (MD09) dropped into the smallest size, 1-49 members.

NonDuals, Reconciled 2020	Chapter	Americanism	PG Streamer	Total Points
▼ 83	MD01: SGT Lawrence Everhart	▼ 2,050	▼ 1,515	▼ 3,565
▼ 65	MD02: GEN William Smallwood	▼ 280	▼ 915	▼ 1,195
▼ 69	MD04: COL John Eager Howard	▼ 685	▼ 1,240	▼ 1,925
▼ 65	MD06: John Paul Jones	▼ 2,010	▼ 2,741	▼ 4,751
▼ 13	MD03: Christian Ardinger	▲ 190	▼ 220	▲ 410
▼ 38	MD05: COL Nicholas Ruxton Moore	▼ 585	▲ 1,330	▲ 1,915
▼ 13	MD07: COL Henry Hollingsworth	▲ 260	▲ 195	▲ 455
▼ 23	MD08: COL Tench Tilghman	▼ 0	▼ 380	▼ 380
▼ 48	MD09: COL Aquila Hall	▼ 750	▼ 2,325	▼ 3,075
▼ 27	MD10: Charles Carroll of Carrollton	▼ 535	▼ 420	▼ 955
▼ 10	MD11: John Hanson	▼ 765	▼ 355	▼ 1,120
▼ 19	MD12: CAPT John Smoot	▼ 160	▼ 510	▼ 670
▼ 27	MD13: Westminster	▼ 2,295	▼ 1,430	▼ 3,725
▼ 37	MD14: Thomas Stone	▼ 145	▼ 475	▼ 620
▼ 13	MD15: Little Meadows	▼ 0	▼ 120	▼ 120
▼ 698	MD00: MDSSAR	▼ 12,410	▼ 17,262	▼ 29,672
Class:	S500-999	C100-199	C050-099	C001-049

2021 Americanism Score Sheet

Training sessions for the new Score Sheet via ZOOM were held on 13 February 2021 at four separate times to accommodate the number of expected attendees. A video of the training can now be found via a link (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRAWLYuqUiE>) on the national Americanism committee's website. The Score Sheet is also available on line.

I have started putting out a monthly e-mail to all the chapters to explain how to use the new Score Sheet. As there are 12 tabs, I am trying to focus on one tab each month. So far, addressed in February the topic of Publicity (Tab 1) and in March that of Membership (Tab 11). I am currently working up a message on Grave Markings and Patriot Records (Tab 7).

I've also started up a quarterly report to help simplify the record keeping that a chapter needs to do. The current implementation is as an excel spreadsheet, although I would like to turn it into web-based format that would be independent of the user's platform (i.e., Windows, Mac, Linux). The intent is to ask the user to enter information on events that chapter members were involved in, then to enter the attendance at those events, record any awards made, and any publicity. The idea is to include all events, which can be not only entered into the national tabs of the Americanism Score Sheet, but also separate tabs that are specific to recording Maryland state activities the national tabs do not include. Recording would be on a quarterly basis to help keep the Score Sheets maintained rather than waiting to the end of the year to fill in the files. The concept of state-specific tabs has also been around for a number of years; I tried once before to implement this, but with little success. I still feel it is a good idea and will try again this year. So far, only two chapters have responded (that excludes my own chapter); the inputs showed some modifications needed to the input forms.

Respectfully Submitted,

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