

DATE: October 16, 2017
TO: High School Principals and Guidance Offices
FROM: Glenn Hero, Chairman, All District Commanders, and All Department Vice Commanders
RE: The American Legion 2017/2018 H.W. Dare Maness High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, "A Constitution Speech Contest"

The American Legion, Department of South Carolina will sponsor The American Legion 80th Annual High School Oratorical Scholarship Program - "A Constitutional Speech Contest", for students presently enrolled in grades nine through twelve in a high school or junior high school (public, parochial, military, private or home school) in which the curriculum of said high school is considered to be of high school level.

The purpose of The American Legion's Oratorical Constitutional Speech Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States. State finalists have the chance to earn a \$2000.00 scholarship, with the winner going to our National contest and a chance to win an \$18,000 scholarship.

The Rules and Regulations brochure and flyer for your bulletin board are enclosed. Additional Rules and Regulations brochures and flyers are available from the Department website – scarolinalegion.org under Legion Programs (Oratorical Contest).

The Commander and Adjutant of your local American Legion Post have received the Rules and Regulations brochure and have been asked to personally contact your school to request your cooperation. If you have interested students, please do not hesitate to contact your local American Legion Post, Department Chairman Hero at (704) 599-9107, or Department Headquarters at (803) 612-1171 ext. 40 or by email at dept.programs@outlook.com.

Thank you for your support over the years and for your continued support of this program.