

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT
TESTIMONIAL DINNER
HONORING

State Commander, David Greene
State Auxiliary President, Rose Angelicola

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 2019

in

The Grand Ballroom of the Rocky Hill Sheraton Hotel
100 Capital Blvd - Rocky Hill, Ct.
\$45.00 PER-PERSON

Menu

Your Pre-Selected Choice of:

- ** Choice New York Strip W/Steak Butter
- ** Seared Sea Bass in Lobster Dill Sauce
- ** Grilled Breast of Chicken (Bone in-is Juicer) w/Parmesan Peppercorn Butter

Accompanied with:

** Mystic Pear Salad w/Spiced Pecans, Grapes, Pear Slices, Crumpled Bleu Cheese and Dressing ** Cauliflower and Broccoli Medley ** Fingerling Potatoes Roasted w/ Parsley, Chives and Cilantro ** Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls and Sweet Butter ** Coffee - Decaf and Assorted Specialty Teas

- **Dessert: Sweet Potato Maple Cheesecake
- Cash Bar Cocktail Hour at 12:00 Noon Dinner Served at 1:00 pm

LET'S HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EVERY POST AND AUXILIARY TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR OUR STATE COMMANDER AND PRESIDENT

PLEASE SEND ME _____ TICKETS AT \$45.00 EACH.
A CHECK FOR \$ _____ IS ENCLOSED.

POST / AUXILIARY # _____ NAME _____

STREET: _____ ZIP: _____

MY / OUR MEAL SELECTION(S) ARE: BEEF _____ FISH _____ CHICKEN _____

VEGETARIAN _____ GLUTEN FREE _____

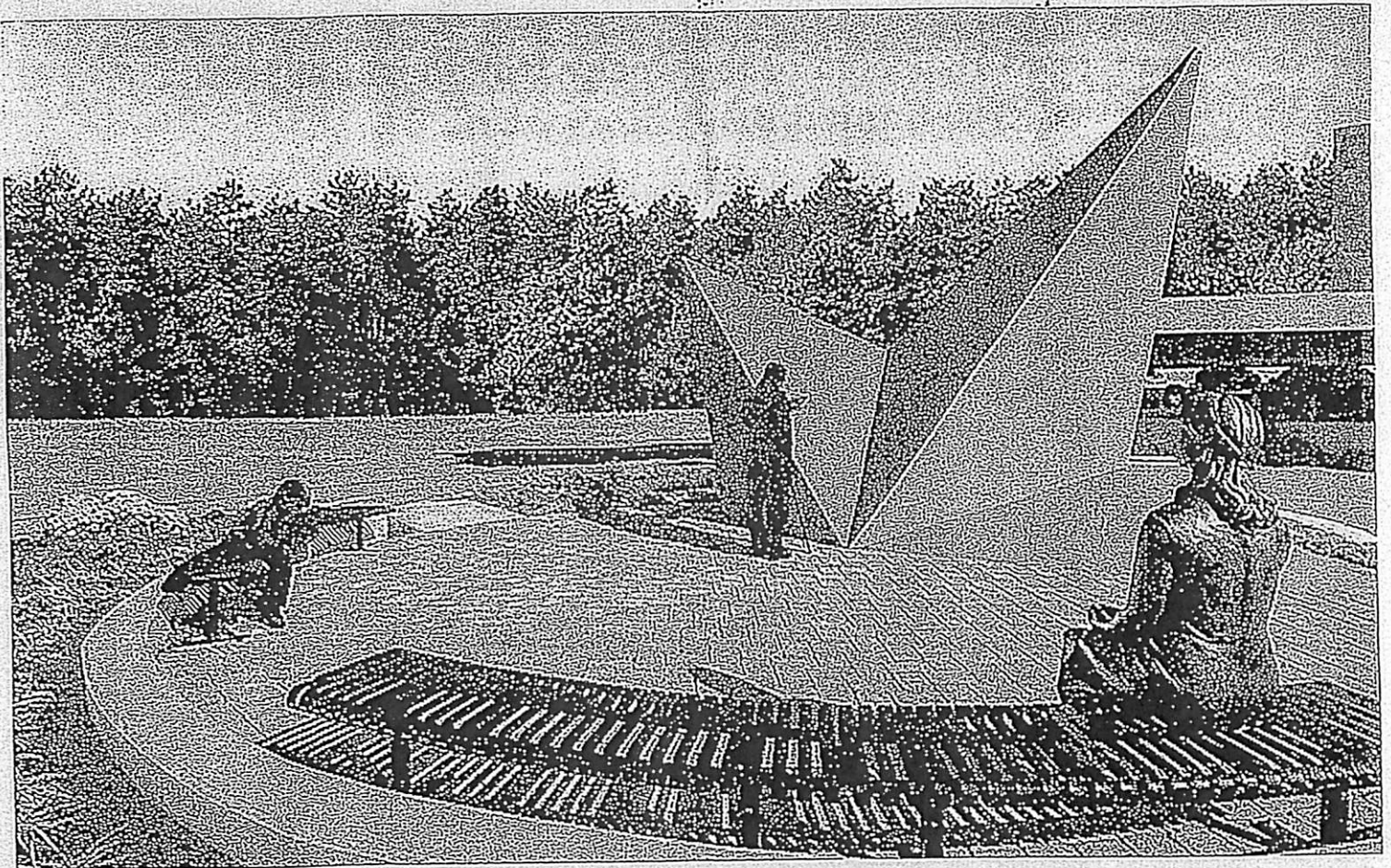
Cut off date to order your tickets is Wednesday October 16th

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

PLEASE MAIL TO:
VFW QM
P.O. BOX 429
Rocky Hill, Ct.
06067

COMMANDER DAVE GREENE'S SPECIAL PROJECT THE CONNECTICUT FALLEN STAR MEMORIAL

Over 30,000 Connecticut men and women have given their lives in service to our country. They deserve our everlasting gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy today. A volunteer committee is working to bring the Fallen Star Memorial to Connecticut, specifically to East Hartford at Goodwin College.



Accompanying the Fallen Star Memorial will be three bronze statues that pay tribute to Gold Star Families. One depicts a seated woman holding a photo and dog tags of her beloved hero, contemplating the Fallen Star. The other figures, a man and a child paying their respects to their fallen heroes, will be positioned around the Star.

The Connecticut Fallen Star project is operating under the 501(c)3 and the VFW operates under the 501(c)19 organizations. All donations to the Fallen Star Project and the VFW are tax deductible to the extent provided by the law.

This is a Special Project that the VFW State Commander would like to have all of his VFW Posts and Axillary Units to participate in raising monies for this great project.

Mail donation checks to: Dept of CT VFW, PO Box 429, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. In the memo write in: Fallen Star Project

VFW State Commander: David Greene

VFW State Special Project Chairman: Mario Richards



ONE HELLAV'A

PICNIC

As the State Commander I wanted to do something that would include all Veterans and their families to come together for a good time. So I hope you can attend this picnic and enjoy the food, fun and friendship that day. Dave Greene, State VFW Commander

WHERE: At the pavillion of VFW Post 8075 Prospect, CT

WHEN: Saturday September 21st, 2019 11am-5pm

FOOD: Raw & Steamed Clams, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Salads, Barbecued Chicken, Watermellon, Soda, Water and Desserts.

We are not including any alcholic beverages in the cost of the picnic.
They will be available for sale with bottled beer for \$2.00 a bottle and a special summer cocktail and assorted wines inside the VFW.

GAMES: Vollyball, Badminton, Horse Shoes, Bocci, Corn Hole Game, Ladder throw and more. Simon Says and other games for the youngsters with prizes and FUN, FUN and more FUN.

PRICE: \$20.00 Per Person, Children under 10 Free.

Count me in: Please send me _____ Adult Tickets - Check amt enclosed _____
Name _____ Address _____ City _____
Zip Code _____ Phone: _____ # of Children Under 10 coming _____

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

Please mail form & Check to: VFW P.O. Box 429 Rocky Hill, CT 06067

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FACT SHEET

As the nation's oldest major war veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.



YOUR DONATION OF

\$20

ENSURES THE VFW CAN

Educate a separating service member about his or her well-earned VA benefits through a private benefits counseling session with a VFW Service Officer.

Provide training to 4 VFW Service Officers on signs of emotional suffering so they can better direct veterans to programs and services.

Help cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war.

Serve 5 morale-boosting "welcome home" meals for service members recently back from combat.

2,000+

Number of VA-accredited VFW representatives across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

39

Number of VFW-SVA Fellows (student veterans) who have traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for veterans' rights.

\$8.3 billion+

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits — which includes \$1.4 billion in new benefits paid to veterans in fiscal year 2018.

2.3 million+

Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events since 2005.

27

Number of times the VFW has testified before Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

\$3 million

Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

\$10.8 million+

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 43% of the funds covered basic housing needs.

\$5.7 million

Amount of scholarships awarded to more than 1,287 veterans and service members through VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" since January 2014.



Department of Connecticut Veterans of Foreign Wars

Eastern Conference 10-25-2019 to 10-27-2019



For room Reservations please call Reservations at: 888-627-8263 or book them online at vfwct.org
Any questions, please e-mail me at: stct@vfw.necoxmail.com or call me at: 860-616-2363.

The sliding glass door rooms that open up to the courtyard, that will be used for hospitality rooms, must be booked through me and there is an additional \$25.00 a day fee for the furniture removal.

Room Rate \$ 120.00 plus 15% at time of check-out All Hotel room reservations must be made online or by phone to the hotel reservation center and mention the VFW Eastern Conference.

*Room reservations can be made at any time; however, the deadline is October 1, 2019.
Note: After the deadline, all unreserved rooms will be released to the general public.
If handicap room is needed, please let the hotel know at the time of reservation.*

We will have a shuttle service from the hotel to the Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, CT (Hartford BDL) Please fill out the enclosed shuttle service request and return it to the address listed on the bottom of the form. (Cab ride will be close to \$60.00 and Uber a bit cheaper)

The Sheraton Hartford South is 100% non-smoking. Fine will be \$250.00 for smoking in your room.

Check-in time is 3:00 pm; Check-out time is 12:00 pm. All guests arriving before 3:00 pm will be accommodated as rooms are available. Front desk will arrange to check luggage for those arriving early when guestrooms are unavailable.

TRAVELING

Flying: You can fly into Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, CT (Hartford BDL)

Driving: The hotel is right off of exit 23 on I-91. Traveling North it's on your right just off the exit - Traveling South turn left off the exit and it will be on your right hand side less than ¼ of a mile ahead.

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DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary

EASTERN CONFERENCE BANQUET

Saturday - October 26, 2019



~ MENU ~

**** Mystic Pear Salad w/Spiced Pecans, Grapes, Pear Slices, Crumpled Bleu Cheese and Balsamic Dressing**

With Your Entrée Selection of:

**** Choice New York Strip W/Steak Butter**

**** Seared Sea Bass in Lobster Dill Sauce**

**** Boneless Breast of Chicken, with Breadcrumbs and Cranberry Stuffing**

Accompanied with:

**** Seasonal Butternut Squash ** Cheddar Mashed Potato's ** Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls and Sweet Butter ** Coffee - Decaf and Assorted Specialty Bigelow Teas**

**** Dessert: Warm Rustic Apple Tart w/Vanilla Ice Cream**

The Hotel will accommodate special diets requests with a Vegetarian or Selection.

Dinners are priced at \$ 50.00 each. VFW and Auxiliary Dinner reservations must be made through your respective Department Adjutants. The Adjutant is to provide a list of all attendees with dinner choices and payment in full. Dinner reservations are to be received by *October 15, 2019*. Make all checks payable

To the: "Department of Connecticut, VFW."

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BANQUET ORDER FORM (Please Print)

Department of: _____

MEAL CHOICES: SEARED SEA BASS _____ CHICKEN _____ NY STRIP _____

VEGETERAN _____ GLUCOSE FREE _____

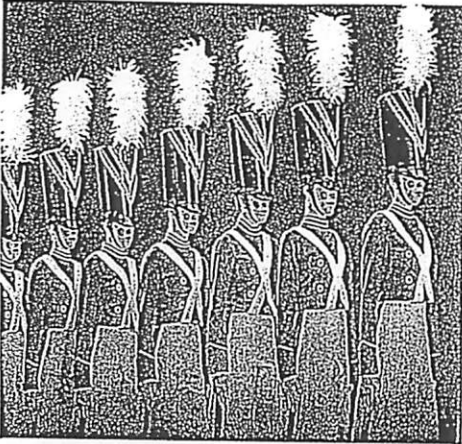
Number of Meals _____ x \$ 50.00 = Total \$ _____ Check # _____

Department Adjutants Please Mail to: Department of Connecticut VFW -
P.O. Box 429 - Rocky Hill, CT 06067



Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall in NY City

With the Famous Rockettes



The Department of Connecticut VFW and its Auxiliary, are once again sponsoring a bus trip to the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall in New York City, starring the famous Rockettes. The bus leaves Stratford VFW Post 9460 at 7:00am sharp, for the 11:00 am show. The traffic to New York at that time of day and year is **TERRIBLE**, so it takes some time to get there. We have movies on the bus.

The show is on Wednesday December 4th at 11:00 am. Coffee and pastries/donuts will be served before we leave the VFW. We return around 3 pm. Food is available in the theatre (expensive), or in stores or from street vendors outside. See reverse side for our UP-FRONT seats. They are GREAT!! Our entire bus trip will be only \$110.00 pp with a box of (\$8.00) RCMH Popcorn and a \$5.00 soda or water voucher. So that's bus seat, show seat, continental breakfast and that expensive box of Popcorn & soda for one price. **Sorry no children prices.**

Your also welcome to take the bus down, (Must pay for bus seat) stay in NY after the show, and return on your own.

Payment is due in October.

Please e-mail to: ofct@vfw.necoxmail.com to reserve your seat/s. Any questions call: (860) 616-2363

Or mail to VFW P.O. BOX 429 Rocky Hill, CT 06067 .

Please reserve me _____ seats for the Christmas show on the bus.

Name _____ Phone # _____



OUR STAIRS
LEADING UP
TO THE OPEN
TO THE OPEN



CONNECTICUT VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS Patriot's Golf Tournament

DATE: Monday September 23rd, 2019

TIME: Registration at 8:30 AM. Tee Time at 10:00 AM Shotgun
WITH COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

PLACE: CHIPPANEE COUNTRY CLUB
6 MARSH RD.
BRISTOL CT.

ENTRY FEE: \$120.00 (includes: green fees, cart, lunch & Dinner)

Format: Tournament will be a Scrambled event with 4-person teams. If you're not in a foursome, we will be placed you with one

ENTRY FORM:

NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Team Members:
Player 1 Name: _____ \$120.00

Player 2 Name: _____ \$120.00

Player 3 Name: _____ \$120.00

Player 4 Name: _____ \$120.00

DINNER GUEST ONLY \$40.00 _____

ARMY SPONSOR (\$600) 4 INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS, HOLE Signage _____

NAVY SPONSOR (\$360) 2 INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS, HOLE Signage _____

AIR FORCE SPONSOR (\$240) 1 INDIVIDUAL HOLE Signage _____

MARINE SPONSOR (\$120) WHOLE Signage _____

ANY DONATION _____

Richard DiFederico
Tournament Chairman
860-616-2363
rich@vfw.necoxmail.com

* Send Entry Forms &
Payment" to:

Connecticut VFW
P.O. Box 429
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Phone:
860-616-2363



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hqct@vfw.necoxmail.com vfwct.org

URGENT AND IMPORTANT 2019-2020

DEPARTMENT SOLICITATION FOR ADS FOR THE CONVENTION AD BOOK FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES

THE DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT VFW HAS ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A PRIVATE CONCERN TO SOLICIT ADS FOR OUR CONVENTION AD BOOK THAT HELPS TO PAY FOR THE STATE CONVENTION. BECAUSE OF THAT, CONNECTICUT HAS THE LOWEST CONVENTION DELEGATE FEES IN THE COUNTRY.

OUR COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HAS GIVEN US PERMISSION TO CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM. YOU MIGHT BE RECEIVING CALLS FROM YOUR LOCAL TOWN MERCHANTS AS TO THE LEGITIMACY OF THIS PROGRAM. WE WILL BE USING YOUR POST AS A REFERENCE.

I CANNOT IMPRESS UPON YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROGRAM, AND I SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL CO-OPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT IN THIS VENTURE.

ALL POST MEMBERS AND ESPECIALLY EMPLOYEES THAT ANSWER THE POST PHONES, SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THIS COMPANY, CONSULT TELE – COMMUNICATIONS, REPRESENTS OUR ORGANIZATION. WHEN INQUIRIES ARE MADE REGARDING THIS COMPANY AS BEING LEGITIMATE, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT: 860- 616- 2363 OR TO PASS ON OUR PHONE NUMBER/S.

WE TRUST YOU WILL POST THIS NOTICE IN YOUR POST HOME AND INFORM ALL OF YOUR OFFICERS AND THOSE THAT NEED TO KNOW ESPECIALLY YOUR BARTENDERS, (IF YOU HAVE A CANTEN) THAT ANSWER THE POST PHONE. PLEASE INFORM THE MEMBERS OF YOUR AUXILIARY AS WELL.

NO VFW POST WILL BE SOLICITED BY OUR VENDOR; ALL REQUESTS FOR CONVENTION ADS FROM OUR POSTS AND AUXILIARIES WILL COME FROM DEPARTMENT. MONIES RECEIVED FROM OUR POSTS AND AUXILIARIES WILL GO SOLELY TO OUR DEPARTMENT. NO VFW MONEY WILL GO TO THE VENDOR.

WE WILL AGAIN THIS YEAR ASK OUR POSTS AND AUXILIARIES TO PURCHASE ADS IN OUR CONVENTION BOOK. (Starting in January). BY DOING SO, WE THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECEIVE THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE ADS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL ME AT HEADQUARTERS AT: (860) 616-2363.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION,

RON RUSKO, STATE ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

**VFW Auxiliary
Department of Connecticut**

GOLD STAR PARENTS LUNCHEON

Fowler-Dix-Park
VFW Post 5095
20 North Maple Street
East Hampton, CT 06424

12:00 pm on Sunday, September 29, 2019

- MENU -

**Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls and Butter
Coffee, Tea & Dessert**

**To: VFW and Auxiliaries
From: Grace Kelly and Pamela Holden, Chairwomen**

The Gold Star Parents are the guests of the Department VFW Auxiliary. We ask that all Auxiliary Presidents contact their Gold Star Parents and invite them to attend. If they need transportation, perhaps you could arrange to bring them to and from the luncheon.

ALL NAMES OF ATTENDING GOLD STAR PARENTS are to be sent to the State Treasurer – Anne Philippon. **REMEMBER – DO NOT** include the cost of the tickets for the Gold Star Parents. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO VFW AUXILIARY – DEPT OF CT**

Thank you for making this a successful tribute to our Gold Star Parents.
Grace and Pamela – Chairwomen, Gold Star Parents Luncheon

Anne Philippon, Treasurer
12 Baldwin Drive
Bristol, CT 06010

**DEADLINE FOR TICKETS & GOLD STAR PARENTS:
SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

ATTENDING - \$12 per person

GOLD STAR PARENTS

Name _____

Post/Aux. _____

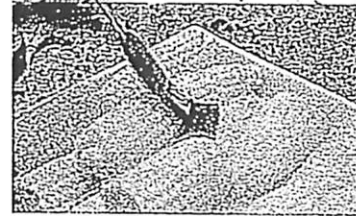
Total tickets at \$12 _____

Check / M.O. for \$ _____ enclosed. **TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR**

VFW DISTRICT ONE ANNUAL PICNIC

AUGUST 18, 2019

At the Bloom's House
25 Philo Curtis Rd
Sandy Hook, CT.06482
10am – 6pm



Food, Games, Raffles, Beer, Soda, Water

Tickets \$20 a person in advance \$25 at the door (kids 12 and under free)

For Info call Eduarda (Eddy) Swilling Wade President 203-384-8277 or email eddyeswilling@gmail.com or Kim McCarroll 203-482-9075, kimmccarroll@yahoo.com

Starting at 10am (until we run out so come early) Liver, Bacon and Onions

Noon – 3pm Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Corn on the cob, CLAMS (raw and steamed)

4:30pm – 6pm TBD , Salads and Desserts

There are things to do all day games, cards, raffles, bingo etc. or you can just sit and enjoy the atmosphere, talk to friends and meet new friends.

****No Tickets will be mailed check in at the table ****

Make checks payable to District One Dept. of CT VFW and mail to

Kim McCarroll, 23 Philo Curtis Rd, Sandy Hook, CT 06482

Number of Tickets: _____ Amount of Check: \$ _____

Post/ Aux: _____ Name: _____



P.O. BOX 429 Rocky Hill, CT 06067 (860)616-2360 Fax: (860) 616-2364
hqct@vfw.necoxmail.com vfwct.org

Please sign up for the Action Corps. We need all of our members to respond to positive and also unpopular bills concerning Veterans, our military and our national security. It's just a few clicks of the mouse on your computer and will make a huge difference in the way our representatives in DC vote. Please go to www.vfw.org/actioncorps today to sign up.

Thank You, John Larensen, State VFW Legislative Chairman and member of the VFW National Legislative Committee.



Become a Veterans' Advocate.

Join the VFW Action Corps and receive the VFW Action Corps Weekly e-newsletter and all VFW Action Alerts.

www.vfw.org/ActionCorps

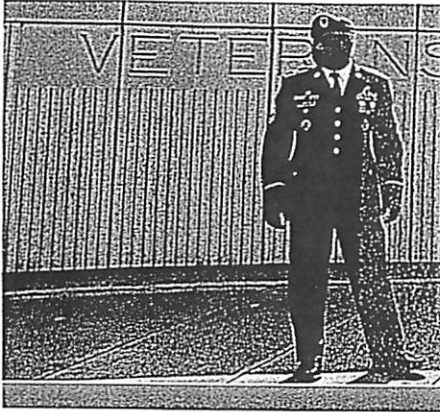
Join Us Online and Learn More About Our Grassroots Advocacy:

- Receive weekly updates on the VFW's efforts in D.C.
- Be involved with pressing issues through Action Alerts.
- Track and communicate with your elected officials.

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

- www.vfw.org
- twitter.com/vfwhq
- facebook.com/vfwfans
- youtube.com/vfwvids





The VFW by the numbers

1.6 million+

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

6,278

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



Helping veterans get justice

109,000+

Number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2018.

15,000

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2018 resulting in more than \$155 million in disability compensation.

24

Number of VFW Pre-Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.



Helping struggling military families

9,653

Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through *VFW Unmet Needs* since 2004.

\$4,725,869

Amount of grants provided through *VFW Unmet Needs* covering housing for struggling military families since 2004.

3,172

Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs since 2004.



Improving life in America

10.3 million

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

\$46.9 million

Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.



1899

Year the VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families.



Honoring the fallen

9.3 million+

Number of VFW "Buddy"® Poppies distributed by the VFW last year.

\$12 million

Amount raised through the VFW "Buddy"® Poppy program for needy veterans.



Inspiring patriotism in young people

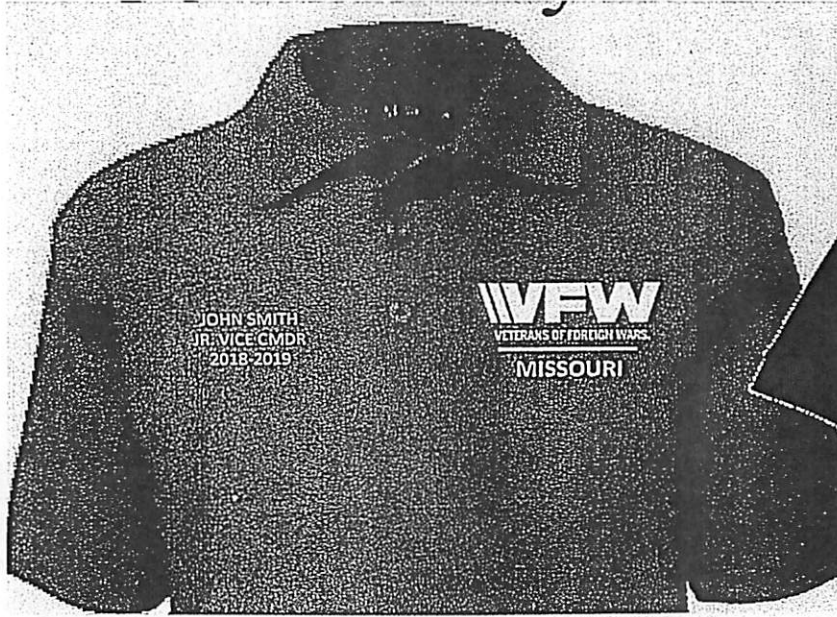
33,000+

Number of high school students who competed in the 2017-18 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

100,000+

Number of students who competed in the 2017-18 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.

**VFW Department of Connecticut 2019-2020 - State Commander's Shirt
Order Form**



Shirt Color is **BURGANDY**

NAME: _____ POST: _____ DATE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ E-MAIL _____

Embroidery right chest (3 lines max – up to 14 characters per line)

SIZE SM _ MED _ LG _ XLG _ 2X _ 3X _ 4X _

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

SELECT - MEN'S SHIRT----- WOMAN'S SHIRT (Has a collar) -----

Prices for either Men's or Woman's shirt, are the same & both have pockets.

PRICE: SM TO XLG \$25.00 - 2X \$26.00 - 3X \$27.00 - 4X \$28.00

Payment _____ Cash Check Check Number _____

Please mail order form and check (not Cash) to: VFW - P.O. BOX 429 Rocky Hill, CT
06067



Scout of the Year Program

VFW DEPARTMENT (STATE)
SCOUTING CHAIRMAN

PHONE: _____

SPONSORING VFW POST

POST NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POST COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE: _____

DISTRICT CERTIFICATION
IF APPLICABLE, CHECK WITH THE VFW
DEPARTMENT (STATE) SCOUTING CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT #: _____

DISTRICT CDR.: _____

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION
MUST BE COMPLETED BY DEPT (STATE) VFW SCOUT-
ING CHAIRMAN OR DEPT. COMMANDER

DEPARTMENT: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED?

The following documentation should be submitted:

- Photograph of the Scout — must be attached to this form. The Scout must appear in correct, complete uniform for their current rank. Recommended size 3" x 5".
- School Participation Record — a single page, one sided resume of the candidate's school activities indicating academic achievements, offices held, honors received and significant participation in other activities.
- Scouting Record — maximum of three pages, one side only, listing of all Scouting participation beginning with Cub Scouts or Brownies - years of participation, unit numbers and sponsors. Also include when Eagle, Gold, Summit or Quartermaster Award was received and Palms. Identify leadership positions held at all levels, participation in Scouting activities (jamborees, Order of the Arrow conferences, etc.) and the candidate's Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit or Sea Scout Quartermaster Project.
- Community Service Record — a single page, one sided resume listing participation in community and religious service organizations (excluding Scouting and school), noting leadership positions held and any recognition received.
- Letters of Recommendation — Submit three letters, no more than two pages in length from:
 - A scout leader.
 - A community member.
 - A teacher/faculty member (if homeschooled, a parent letter is allowed).
 - In addition, you may include one or two additional letters, no more than two pages in length from local community members who have special knowledge of the candidate's abilities/accomplishments.
- Completed Entry Form – submitted to a local VFW Post. Local Posts can be identified by zip code at www.vfw.org/find-a-post.

WHO MAKES UP THE VFW SCOUTING TEAM?

The backbone of Scouting in the VFW is the VFW Scouting Team. These VFW members are deeply involved in Scouting, most with decades of experience.

Appointed by their Department commander, they are responsible for promoting Scouting in their state. They are available to encourage Posts to sponsor units, support units and individual Scout projects. They should be the Department's "expert" on all phases of Scouting. Many Departments have multiple members of the VFW Scouting Team, but every Department should have at least one individual to promote the values of Scouting to youth and to the VFW itself. For more information on the VFW Scouting Team call 816.756.3390, ext. 6155 or email scouting@vfw.org.



Veterans of Foreign Wars
816-756-3390 ext 6155

Scout of the Year Program



WHAT IS THE SCOUT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM?

Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States awards three individuals who are: Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients and/or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank. Awards are as follows:

- \$5,000 1st place National scholarship
- \$3,000 2nd place National scholarship
- \$1,000 3rd place National scholarship

AM I ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

- Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship at the time the above reward was received.
- Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.

Prior National Scout of the Year winners are ineligible. There is no minimum age requirement for applicants as long as all other eligibility criteria has been met. The maximum age requirement for applicants is 18 years old. If an applicant reaches their 18th birthday during the nomination year, they remain eligible as long as they are still in high school at the time of the submission deadline. A Scout may enter through only one VFW Post. A local Post can be identified by zip code at www.vfw.org/find-a-post.

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

- Deadline for entry to VFW Post is March 1.
- One candidate with full entry criteria must be submitted by a VFW Post to the next level of judging by April 1. The VFW Department (state) Scouting chairman can provide this information.
- The Department winner must be selected and submitted by their Department (state) Scouting chairman to the VFW National Headquarters by May 1.

Questions should be directed to 816.756.3390, ext. 6155 during normal business hours Monday through Friday or emailed to scouting@vfw.org.

Official Entry Form

VFW Scout of the Year Program

MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH CONTESTANT
and submitted directly to a VFW post in your community.

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

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Home Phone

Email

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

Scout Troop Number

SCOUT/VENTURE CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is accurate and if I am the winner, I will make myself available to receive the award at a presentation ceremony as designated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Scout/Venture Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

UNIT LEADER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above-named Scout/Venture is an active member of our unit or was when the award was received and the information supplied by the candidate is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Unit Leader's Signature

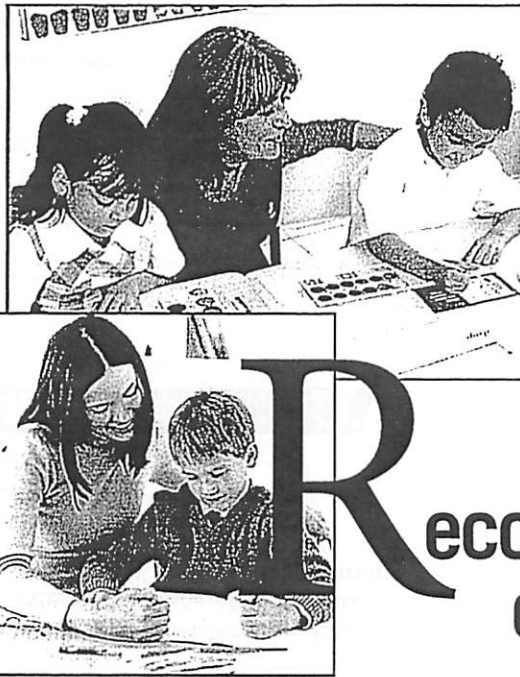
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

PARENT'S CONSENT

I hereby certify that all information on this application is correct. I willingly submit this name for consideration as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States' Scout of the Year. If this individual is selected as the winner, I will ensure that he/she is allowed to attend a presentation ceremony as designated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Father, Mother or Guardian Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)



Recognize teachers who care about America

VFW Cares About Education

Founded in 1899, the VFW highly supports the education of America's youth. VFW and its Auxiliary have developed a slate of programs dedicated to helping America's educators. VFW Citizenship Education programs stimulate interest in America's history, traditions, Americanism, civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism.

VFW wants to identify and recognize America's best educators who instill a sense of national pride in students. It offers cash awards, commemorative plaques and all-expenses-paid trips to the VFW National Convention for these worthy teachers. The trip provides an opportunity for winners to network with like-minded individuals.

Teachers care deeply about America and its children. They're concerned about the perpetuation of America's noblest traditions and highest ideals. Wouldn't you like to see them get the honor they deserve? Now you can...

VFW annually recognizes the nation's top classroom elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history and traditions effectively.

Teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism are prime candidates for this award. For example, do you know a teacher who plans field trips to city hall or organizes community volunteer projects? Maybe you know an instructor who invites veterans into the classroom to discuss their military experiences. Perhaps you are familiar with a teacher who fosters the development of democratic values and beliefs through special projects. If you know of such a teacher, honor him or her today with the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

How Does the Contest Work?

Based on the nominees submitted, VFW local chapters, called Posts, will recognize one outstanding teacher in grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Posts then submit these winners' names and required documents to their District-level judging, who will forward their winners to the Department (or state) level. After judging, each Department then forwards the names of its winners to VFW National Headquarters for consideration in the national awards contest.

Who is Eligible?

All current classroom teachers (teaching at least half of the school day in a classroom environment) in grades K-12 are eligible. Previous national VFW winners are ineligible. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals.

How are Teachers Nominated?

Fill out the nomination form contained in this brochure. In 350 words or less, describe why you feel your nominee should be selected. Describe the teacher's innovative teaching and resource development methods, as well as his or her dedication to education. Please submit your completed nomination form and signed essay to your local VFW Post. Visit www.vfw.org/find-a-post for Post locations or call VFW Programs Department at (816) 756.3390 ext. 6287 to find the Post nearest to you.

All Post-level nominees, if they win, should provide a one-page resume as a minimum and up to five pages as a maximum of documentation of their teaching experience (references, news articles, etc.) and a head-and-shoulder photo of themselves. These items will be forwarded on to the District with the Post Teacher Entry form, nomination form and essay.

When is the Deadline?

Nominations must be submitted to your local Post by October 31. Judging occurs November 1-15.

What are the National Awards?

Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Awards include the items below:

- A national \$1,000 Past Commander-in-Chief John Smart award for each of the top K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses.
- \$1,000 award for each winning teacher's school.
- Plaques for both the winning teacher and school.
- An all-expenses-paid trip to attend the VFW National Convention.
- Top 10 high school teachers invitation to attend a summer Graduate Seminar at Freedoms Foundation in Pennsylvania.

NOTE: (Winners will receive a 1099-MISC as a result of their award and all-expense paid trip.)

Nominate Someone Deserving

Have a teacher in mind? Complete the nomination form and required essay, then submit it to your local VFW Post. The investment that a teacher makes in today's youth will be the dividends we will all reap from future leaders.

VFW Teacher Nomination Form

Please photocopy or cut out and attach to nomination essay.

Nominated Teacher

Name: _____
Email: _____
Subject and grade taught: _____
Current school: _____
School address: _____

School phone #: _____

On a separate piece of paper, please describe (type or print) in 350 words or less why you feel your nominee should be selected for the Smart/ Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award, then sign the nomination statement.

Submit nomination materials to your local VFW Post. Visit www.vfw.org/find-a-post for locations. **DO NOT** send to VFW National Headquarters.

_____ Number of words in essay (not to exceed 350). Please provide this information.

Person Nominating Teacher

Name: _____
Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____
Phone #: _____
Date submitted: _____
Signature: _____

Deadline: Submit to local VFW Post by October 31.

Identify and recognize
America's best educators.
Wouldn't you like to see them
get the honor they deserve?

Now you can.



For more information,
contact your local VFW Post
or its Auxiliary or visit our
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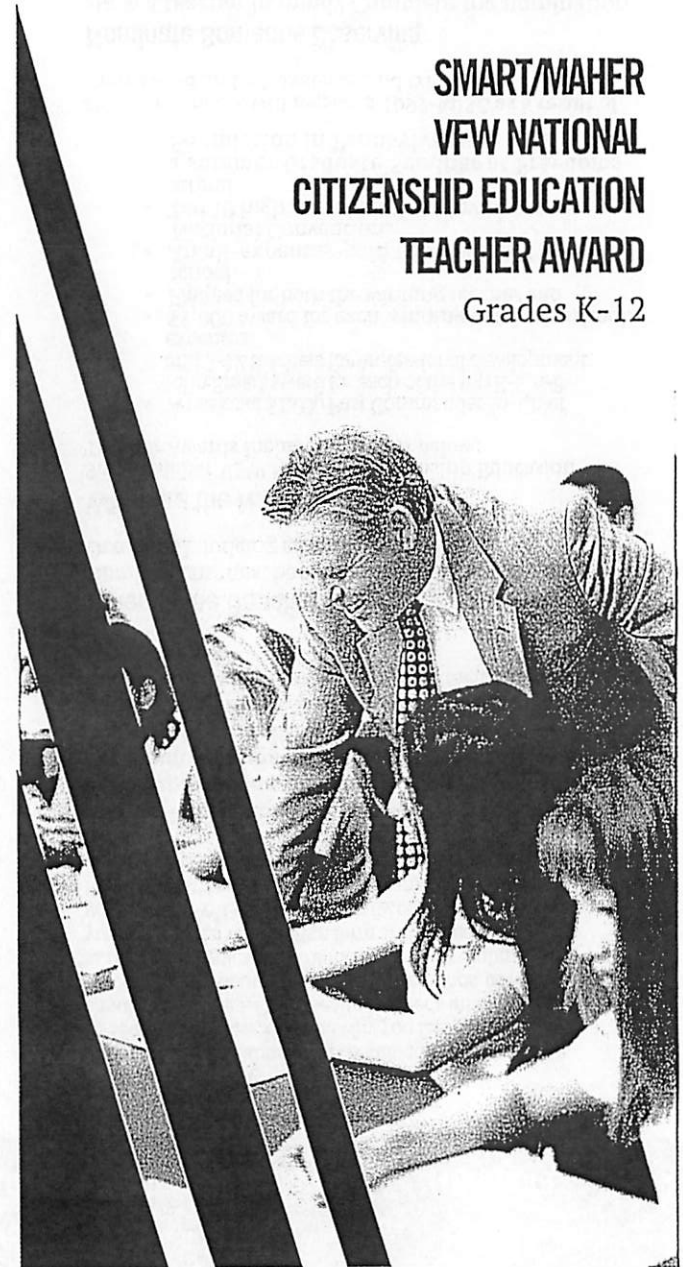
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TEACHER AWARD

Grades K-12



PATRIOT'S PEN



2019 - 2020 Theme "What Makes America Great" Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2019

Patriotic Essay Writing Competition Grand Prize: \$5,000 Award

What Is Patriot's Pen?

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. We invite you to join the more than 120,000 students who participated last year in this contest. The national winners will receive at least \$500. The first-place national award is currently \$5,000 plus an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the winner and a parent or guardian.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.

Big National Prizes

National awards total: \$55,000

Prizes include the various amounts listed below:

1st: \$5,000	7th: \$1,750
2nd: \$4,000	8-10th: \$1,500
3rd: \$3,500	11-12th: \$1,250
4th: \$2,750	13-23rd: \$1,000
5th: \$2,500	24-25th: \$750
6th: \$2,000	26-53rd: \$500

The Internal Revenue Service requires that any recipient that receives more than a \$599 award should receive a Form 1099 identifying the proceeds as taxable. This may require the winner to provide their social security number.

How Does the Contest Work?

All entries begin at the Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the local VFW Post competition. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. This participating Post should be within your local area and within your U.S. state of residence.

The contest consists of four levels. The first level (entry) is sponsored by local VFW Posts. Post winners advance, one for every 15 entries, to the VFW District (regional) level where the one first-place winner is advanced to the VFW Department (state) level. The one first-place winner at the Department level is then advanced into the VFW national competition. The winner from each Department (state) then competes for the national prizes.

Who Can Enter?

Patriot's Pen is open to 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline in public, private or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions. Home-schooled students also are eligible. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U. S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools can participate, too. (Foreign exchange students and former winners that placed in the National contest are excluded from the contest.)

2019-20 Official Student Entry Form

Patriot's Pen Competition

Entry Form Must Be Completed by All Contestants Please Print or Type Clearly

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

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Phone

Email

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)

Gender

Grade in School

Essay Word Count

School Name, City, State

Teacher's Name and Email (if applicable)

Parent/Guardian's Name Phone/Email

I Have Read and Understand the Contest Rules

Signature of Student Participant

Date

To Be Completed by the VFW Post

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post Level Patriot's Pen Competition.

Post Commander's/Chairman's Signature

Post #

VFW Auxiliary President's/Chairman's Signature

Post Address

City, State, Zip

VFW Post Email

No. of students participation _____ No. of winners advanced to District _____

Amt. of Post/Aux. awards \$ _____

Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pins, etc.) \$ _____

To Be Completed by the VFW District

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Department finals.

District Chairman's Signature

Dist.#

Address

City, State, Zip

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Phone

Email

To Be Completed by the VFW Department Chairman

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected first-place winner of the Patriot's Pen Essay Department Competition, and is our sole entry into the National Judging.

Department Chairman's Signature

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Daytime Phone

Email

The winner has been will be (check one) notified that they are the first place Department winner on _____. Note: National Headquarters will contact your winner after this date to notify them of their national placement.

PATRIOT'S PEN

2019 - 2020 Theme
"What Makes America Great"
Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2019

How Do I Get Started?

- Ask a teacher or youth group/club adult leader to supervise the Patriot's Pen writing competition.
- Contact a local VFW Post within your local area within your state and indicate your interest in participating.
- Establish a contact person who is a member of that VFW Post or its Auxiliary.
- Make sure that your essay is submitted to the VFW Post before the contest deadline of Oct. 31, 2019. You can submit your essay and entry form electronically (by email) upon the Post's approval. Entries sent to VFW National directly will be returned.

How Am I Judged?

You will be judged on how well you understand, develop and present the theme. A positive approach is recommended to express your viewpoint.

Knowledge of the theme is worth 30 points:

You must show a thorough knowledge of the theme in your work. Demonstrate you have researched the issue extensively.

Theme development is worth 35 points:

Answer all relevant facts about the theme such as the who, what, where, when and why. Relate the theme to your own experiences.

Clarity of ideas is worth 35 points:

Write your essay in an easy-to-understand format. Leave your reader with a clear understanding of your explanation of the theme.

What Is the Theme?

VFW's Commander-in-Chief annually chooses the year's theme. The 2019-20 theme is What Makes America Great.

What Are the Rules?

- Essay lengths: 300-400 typewritten words (+ or - 5 words max).
 - You must write your own essay.
 - All essays should be typed in English with no color or graphics and cannot be less than 300 words or greater than 400 words in length. (Essays under or over these word amounts will be eliminated.) Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title (theme) or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count.
- At any time during the contest additional participant personal information (i.e. SSN, photo, etc.) could be requested by the VFW.

In no way may contestants identify themselves within their essay (including, but not limited to, your name, school, city, state, race or national origin.) Do not put your name on your essay. The entry form is your essay's cover sheet. Secure the

Official Student Entry Form with a staple or other fastener on top of your essay. Contestants are allowed to enter only once each year if otherwise eligible (one Post competition). Contestants found in violation of this rule will face elimination from the competition and will be required to return any and all prize money awarded or received.

The essay must be a contestant's original work and a product of the contestant's own thinking. The approach to the Patriot's Pen theme should be positive and clearly focused. Poetry is not acceptable. Quotations may be used sparingly if plainly identified wherever used. A contestant's teacher, counselor or parent may check the essay for punctuation, grammar and/or spelling, but the content must remain the contestant's. Contestants will be judged on the basis of their essay alone and are not required to present the essay orally. All essays become the property of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The VFW retains non-exclusive rights to use your essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

Deadline Information

To qualify, all entries must be submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by midnight October 31, 2019.

Note :

If you need help finding a participating VFW Post in your area, follow these instructions:

First, visit vfw.org/findapost to "Find A VFW Post." Be sure this Post is within the state you reside in.

If you do not have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble getting in touch with them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) headquarters office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit vfw.org/ContactUs/ and look for "Find a State Contact" to get your VFW state office's phone number and Email.

If you need assistance, please email us at the VFW National Headquarters at youthscholarships@vfw.org.



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For assistance contact:

816.756.3390 ext. 6155
youthscholarships@vfw.org
www.vfw.org

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LOCAL VFW POST INFORMATION :

CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ BEST TIME TO CALL : _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ BEST TIME TO CALL : _____

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY



2019 - 2020 Theme
"What Makes America Great"
Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2019
Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$30,000 Award

What Is The Voice of Democracy Program?

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 40,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is, What Makes America Great.

Why Should I Enter?

Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, state and national level. Department (State) winners receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., Feb 29 - March 4, 2020, to tour the city, be honored by the VFW and its Auxiliary and receive their portion of \$154,000 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$30,000.

The Rules

Who can enter?

The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12 by the Oct. 31 deadline, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependent school. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over, previous Voice of Democracy first place state winners, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible.

What do I need to enter?

Record your original 3-5 minute (+ or - 5 seconds max.) essay on an audio CD or a flash drive. One student per CD or flash drive. When burning your CD, make sure that "Create Audio CD" option (or similar) is selected so the program can properly convert your sound file and burn it to CD. After it has finished, be sure to play back your audio CD on a system other than your computer, such as a standard radio or car CD player, to verify that the conversion/burning process was successful. You will submit the recording, typed essay and this completed entry form. Provide these items to your school/group competition or local VFW Post for judging. In addition you can submit your emailed entry form, essay, and audio file to the VFW Post upon approval. You must be the sole author of your essay. The recording must be in your own voice and in English. Hearing/speech impaired students should email the Voice of Democracy National Office at youthscholarships@vfw.org for special instructions. No music, singing, poetry or sound effects are allowed. The body of the essay must not identify you in any way, (including, but not limited to, your name, school, city, state, race or national origin) although the recording & typed essay should be labeled with your name, to show ownership. You may enter only one competition at one Post (if otherwise eligible) per year. At any time during the contest, additional participant personal information could be requested by the VFW, including but not limited to a photograph, SSN or biographical information.

2019-20 Official Entry Form Voice of Democracy Competition

Must Be Completed by All Contestants

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

() Phone Email

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) Grade in School Age at time of D.C. Trip

School Name, City, State

Teacher's name and Email (if applicable)

First Name You'd Like on a Name Badge Student Jacket Size (Adult Size Only)

To Be Completed by Student's Parent/Guardian (required even if student is 18 or over)

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

() Parent/Guardian's Daytime Phone

Parent/Guardian's Email

I Have Read and Understand the D.C. National Finals Rules (On Opposite Side)

I certify that I am the sole author of the enclosed audio/essay entry and that I have only entered the competition once yearly if otherwise eligible.

I understand that if it is found that I have entered any other Post's competition or used this essay for another VFW competition, I face elimination from the competition and will return any and all prizes or incentives awarded.

Signature of Student Participant

Date

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

2019 - 2020 Theme
"What Makes America Great"
Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2019

Official Rules for Students Advancing to National Level

If selected as a first-place state winner, I have the consent of my parent/guardian and school to attend the Voice of Democracy National Finals in Washington, D.C., February 29 - March 4, 2020, as a guest of the VFW National Organization.

I understand that state winners who do not attend as stated above will forfeit all rights to compete in the National Finals and will be replaced by their state's second place winner.

In the event my audio essay is selected for entry into the National Voice of Democracy Competition, I do hereby for myself, for my heirs, executors, administrators and assignees; waive, release and discharge all rights and claims which I have or which may hereafter accrue against the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and/or the several Departments (state organizations) of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their respective officers, agents, successors and assigns from any damages which may be sustained by me in connection with my participation in or association with the VFW Voice of Democracy Competition and/or arising out of my travel to and during the Competition. In the event of sickness, accident or injury in connection with the Competition, I consent to and accept the services of a duly licensed medical, surgical or dental specialist selected on my behalf and for such treatments, as they may deem necessary. I understand that VFW will not be liable for such treatment. I further understand that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States retains non-exclusive rights to use my tape, essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

To Be Completed by the VFW Post

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post level Voice of Democracy Competition.

Post Commander's/Chairman's Signature _____ Post # _____

VFW Auxiliary President's/Chairman's Signature (if applicable) _____

Post Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

VFW Post Email _____

No. of students participating _____

No. of winners advanced to District _____

Amt. of Post/Aux. scholarship awards \$ _____

Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pins, etc.) \$ _____

To Be Completed by the VFW District

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Department finals.

District Chairman's Signature _____ Dist. # _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Phone Email

To Be Completed by the VFW Department Chairman

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected first-place winner of the Voice of Democracy Department Competition, is our sole entry into the National Judging and will attend the National Finals in Washington, D.C.

Department Chairman's Signature _____

() _____
Daytime Phone Email

The winner has been will be (check one) notified that they are the first-place Department winner on _____. Note: National Headquarters will contact your winner after this date to make travel arrangements for them to be in Washington, D.C.

Where Do I Submit My Entry?

All entries begin at the local VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the local VFW Post. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. This VFW Post should be within your local area and within your U.S. state of residence. Entries sent to VFW National will be returned. One winner for every 15 entries from each Post advances to District and one District winner advances to the state (Department) competition. State winners are invited to Washington, D.C., where their audio essays compete in the finals competition. If you need help finding a participating VFW Post in your area, follow these instructions: First, visit this website www.vfw.org/find-a-post to "Find A VFW Post." Be sure this Post is within the state you reside in. If you do not have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble getting in touch with them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit this link <https://www.vfw.org/ContactUs/> and look for "Find a State Contact" to get your VFW state office's phone number and email. If you still need assistance, please email us at VFW National Headquarters at youthscholarships@vfw.org

What Is the Deadline for My Entry?

All entries competing at the Post level must be in the hands of that VFW Post by midnight, Oct. 31, 2019. It is the responsibility of the student to meet this deadline by submitting their entry to the proper location by ensuring it is a participating Post.

What Are the Judging Criteria?

Originality is worth 30 points:

Treatment of the theme should show imagination and human interest.

Content is worth 35 points:

Clearly express your ideas in an organized manner. Fully develop your theme and use transitions to move smoothly from one idea to another.

Delivery is worth 35 points:

Speak in a clear and credible manner.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.



For assistance contact:

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Email: youthscholarships@vfw.org

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ALTERNATE CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ BEST TIME TO CALL : _____