

**PATRIOT'S PEN  
2011-2012**

**CONTEST THEME  
"ARE YOU PROUD OF YOUR COUNTRY"**

The Patriot's Pen contest is for students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade in public, parochial, private or home schools. Students write an essay of 300-400 words. They submit the typewritten essay to the local Post chairman by (November 1, 2011).

The theme for this years contest is "ARE YOU PROUD OF YOUR COUNTRY". Complete entry forms and judging information are available on the VFW web site <http://www.vfw.org> under program, youth development.

**Deadlines:**

November 1, 2011 - Student entries to the local post  
November 15, 2011 - Local winners due at District level  
December 10, 2011 - District winners due at Department level  
January 15, 2012 - Department winners to National

**DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

1ST PLACE - \$500.00 BOND  
2ND PLACE - \$200.00 BOND  
3RD PLACE - \$100.00 BOND

1st Place	\$500.00 Savings Bond	\$250.00
2nd Place	\$200.00 Savings Bond	\$100.00
3rd Place	\$100.00 Savings Bond	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total		\$400.00

(Ladies Auxiliary donates \$100.00 towards the cost of bonds)

Bonds	\$300.00
Banquet Tickets	<u>75.00</u>
Total	\$375.00

Local winner entries should be sent to your District Chairman. District winners' entries will be sent to the Department Chairman by December 10th.

In addition, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place State winners will be allowed to attend the Voice of Democracy banquet. Either the Post or the District will be responsible in providing the nights lodging. The banquet ticket cost is included in the program budget.

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