



# ESSAY CONTESTS!!

## VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PATRIOT'S PEN 2016—2017



TO: All Post and District Chairman

Use this checklist to ready your Post for successful  
Youth Essay programs.

### ***Dates To Remember***

- November 1st—CDs, Scripts & Pictures due to Post
- November 15th—CDs Packets & Pictures due to District
- December 1st—CD, Packet & Picture due to Department**
- December 1st—December 18th—Department Judging

### PROGRAM CHECKLIST

1. All eligible schools contacted and involved in the program.
2. All materials have been ordered and on hand at the school.
3. Cost of this program approved at the Post meeting.
4. In-school contacts made and follow-up planned.

At Fall Conference, in the GOs and on our website [www.mn.gov/vfw](http://www.mn.gov/vfw) we supply Minnesota Entry application forms for Chairmen to use to assist them in reporting requirements. Please use them.

### **Voice of Democracy**

**Theme: *My Responsibility to America***

1st PLACE	-	\$2,000
2nd PLACE	-	\$1,000
3rd PLACE	-	\$600
4th PLACE	-	\$500

The five (5) Runner-ups will  
each receive \$100.00  
Teachers of the first 4 place winners  
will receive \$100.00

### **Patriot's Pen**

**Theme: *The America I Believe In***

1st PLACE	-	\$250
2nd PLACE	-	\$200
3rd PLACE	-	\$100

1st Place winner (and their Sponsoring  
Post & District) will be notified by  
Department and invited to share their  
speech at the Midwinter Banquet

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