



PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN LEGION

6TH – 8TH GRADE

ESSAY CONTEST



“WHAT DOES BEING A VETERAN MEAN TO ME?”

1. This year’s Essay Contest topic/title is: **“WHAT DOES BEING A VETERAN MEAN TO ME?”**
2. Any student enrolled in grades 6 through 8 in a public, private or parochial school or who is home schooled in Pennsylvania is eligible to participate.
3. All essays **MUST** have a cover page containing the following information:
 - Essay topic/title
 - Name, address, telephone, & email address (if applicable) of contestant.
 - Sponsoring American Legion Post number, name & location.
 - Parent or guardian name.
4. The topic/title **MUST** appear on page one (1) of the essay, as well as the cover page.
5. **ALL** essays **MUST** be no less than 500 words and no more than 1,000 words.
6. Typewritten essays are preferred but not required.
7. Essays shall be judged on the following:
 - Proper English structure.
 - Accuracy.
 - Extent of information
 - **Originality** - *Any material not original must be cited in a bibliography for the information of the judges, stating publication, volume, page, date, publisher and author.*
8. Students **MUST** certify that essays are prepared without assistance other than that provided for all members of their class.
9. The PA essay program, as any program conducted by The American Legion, is designed to provide balanced judging. It is suggested that at least three (3) qualified judges be used.
10. The **“local school”** must determine its own winner and submit the winning essay to the sponsoring or American Legion Post immediately for judging.
11. Question on this Essay Contest can be directed to the Chairman

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