2019 ESSAY CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

This year's Essay Contest title is: HOW WOULD OUR FOUNDING FATHERS RESPECT THE AMERICAN FLAG TODAY?

To locate a post near you, go to www.legion.org & click on find a post and enter your zip code.

Any student enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in a public, private or parochial school, or who is home schooled in Pennsylvania is eligible to participate.

Students MUST prepare essays without assistance and provide a statement to that effect on the last page.

All essays MUST have a COVER PAGE containing the following:
- The Essay Title
- Student’s Name, address, telephone, & email address (if applicable.
- Teacher’s verification of Student’s Grade Level.
- School Name and Address if applicable.
- Sponsoring American Legion Post Number, Name & Location.
- Parent or guardian’s name, address and phone number.
- Student’s signature.

ALL essays MUST be no less than 500 words and no more than 1,000 words.

Typewritten essays are preferred but not required.

No reference shall be made, for or against, any political candidate or political party affiliation.

The title MUST appear on page one (1) of the essay, as well as the cover page.

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. Anything cited from the internet must include a verifiable internet address such as: http://pa-legion.com/about/our-history/

DEADLINE DATES BY OR BEFORE:

1. JANUARY 18, 2019 - Essays must be submitted to a sponsoring or LOCAL American Legion Post. Each school may select 1 winner for each American Legion Post in their school district.

2. FEBRUARY 1, 2018 - The local American Legion Post’s winning essay shall be selected and forwarded to the local DISTRICT American Legion Essay Chairperson (as listed in the current American Legion Directory).

3. FEBRUARY 22, 2019 - The "District’s" winning essay shall be forwarded to the appropriate INTER-DISTRICT ESSAY COORDINATOR (as listed in the current American Legion Directory)

4. MARCH 15, 2010 The "Inter-District's" winning essay shall be forwarded to the Department of PA Essay Contest Sectional Vice Chairperson (as listed in the current American Legion Directory).

5. APRIL 5, 2019 the "Sectional's" winning essay shall be selected and forwarded to the Pennsylvania Department Essay Chairperson, Michele Deems,

6. MAY 11, 2018 - The Department Essay Chairperson shall have arranged for qualified judges who will select this year's Department of Pennsylvania’s Essay Program.

1. PRIZES TO BE AWARDED
The Department of Pennsylvania State Essay First Place Winner will be awarded a $3,500, a plaque and a trip to the PA American Legion Convention in July to read the winning essay to the assembled delegates.

2. The Second Place Winner will receive a $3,000 and a plaque.

3. The Third Place Winner will receive a $2,500 and a plaque.