

From the Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen / Teacher's Award Chairman:



Comrades,

School has started. So, all the posts should have downloaded all the entry forms and coordinated with the schools and students in their area.

The themes for this year's programs are: VOD - "Why My Vote Matters" & PP - "Why I Honor the American Flag"

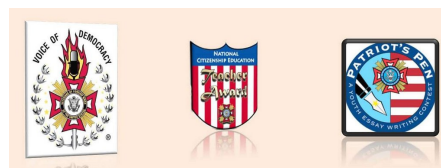
*** Notice: Qualifications state that both programs are open to students who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependent school. However, VFW National Adjutant General and Programs Director agreed that as long as the student is a U.S. citizen then they can participate.**

Ensure the students understand the rules for each of the programs. All Patriot's Pen essays and Voice of Democracy audio essays should be reviewed by the chairman several days before the judging, so that small errors like too many words, and audio CD or USB drive that will not play on your equipment, a Voice of Democracy audio essay that is a bit too long/short, or a reference that inadvertently identifies them might be corrected by the student rather than the chairman eliminating them from the competition. Chairman should never forget that our priority is to increase the number of students participating, rather than eliminating them.

* Entry deadline to the Post is 31 October 2018. In order to qualify for All-State and All-American, each Post and District must submit entries for all three programs or make a donation to VFW National. If there are Posts or Districts that do not have any entries in their area you may make your donations by going to https://vfwprograms.formstack.com/forms/programs_donation_form. Post donations are \$50.00 and District donation is \$100.00 for each program. The deadline for donations is also 31 October 2018. Please forward your donation receipt to vodppdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org to get credit.

* I still need to know who the DISTRICT CHAIRMANS are for the VOD / Patriot Pen / Teachers Award's program as soon as possible. Please send names and email addresses to vodppdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org.

"Make It Happen & Get It Done"



2018-19 VOD/PP/TEACHERS AWARD DEPARTMENT REPORT

| Post/District | VOD | PP | Teachers Award |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 9723 | | | |
| District 1 | | | |
| 1054 | | | |
| 9555 | | | |
| 9612 | | | |
| District 2 | | | |
| 8180 | | | |
| 9985 | | | |
| 10033 | | | |
| 10223 | | | |
| 12147 | | | |
| District 3 | | | |
| 9957 | | | |
| District 4 | | | |
| 9876 | | | |
| 9951 | | | |
| 10217 | \$50 Donation to National | \$50 Donation to National | \$50 Donation to National |
| 10249 | | | |
| 11575 | | | |
| 12074 | | | |
| 12146 | | | |
| 12163 | | | |
| District 5 | | | |
| 1509 | | | |
| 2917 | | | |
| 3457 | | | |
| District 6 | | | |
| 124 | | | |
| 2495 | | | |
| 9892 | | | |
| 11447 | | | |
| 12130 | \$50 Donation to National | \$50 Donation to National | \$50 Donation to National |
| District 7 | | | |

Yours in comradeship and service,

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