CONTEST RULES

1. Grade eligibility listed for each contest.
2. Posters are to be standard size 11 x 14 inches only. Any type of cardboard or paperboard is OK.
3. Students in Contests “A”, “B”, and “D” may be more creative even attaching items to the poster. Winning posters may be shipped and students should avoid designs in which the effect may be lost if crushed during transit.
4. For Contest “C”, Grades K-2, the student will observe the theme of Valentine's Day. Students should choose a page from a coloring book that illustrates the theme and color it. These pages should be submitted in the same way as the posters and will be judged in the same way as the posters.
5. **EVERYONE MUST USE THE 3VC IDENTIFICATION FORM.** Affix ID Form to every entry.
6. Only three (3) Entries are to be submitted by each Department per contest.
7. Post and Auxiliary not under Department jurisdiction may submit a total of one (1) poster per contest.
8. All entries must arrive at National Third Vice Commanders address listed below ON or BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE. Late entries will NOT be judged.
9. The decision of the judges is final.
10. Contestants need not be present to win.
11. If you would like your entries returned from National, please include a note indicating this.

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**CONTEST AWARDS/RULES**
(Essays)

PATRIOTIC ESSAY CONTEST (6th through 8th Grades)
DEADLINE: May 7, 2018

1st Place  $150 Check  Gold Medal  Citation to School  
2nd Place  $100 Check  Silver Medal  Citation to School  
3rd Place  $ 75 Check  Bronze Medal  Citation to School  

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

1. Essay topic is: **“What The American Flag Means to Me”**

2. National level judging will be based upon the Essay’s overall patriotic impact as well as relative skillful technique. Length is limited to 2 typed pages (If two pages are used, one side per page, 12 point type). Typing is strongly recommended for readability. Any evidence of plagiarism will disqualify the entry.

3. Contest Rules (5 through 9) above will apply to Essay Contest.

**ESSAY CONTEST AWARDS**

1st Place  $150 Check  Citation to School  
2nd Place  $100 Check  Citation to School  
3rd Place  $ 75 Check  Citation to School  

Entries from Posts/ Auxiliaries not under Department jurisdiction and entries from Departments should be mailed to:

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National Third Vice Commander  
Catholic War Veterans USA  
2016 Buckthorn Lane  
Lakeland, Florida 33810  

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