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VFW POST 2208 OFFERS AREA YOUTH CONTEST OPPORTUNITY

Each year students in grades 6 – 8 enter the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Patriots Pen youth essay contest. The VFW's Patriot's Pen essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society; expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief. Each year VFW's National Headquarters announces the patriotic theme for the Essay. This year's theme is "The America I Believe In." The first-place winner of each state competes for national awards totaling \$50,000.00, with each States first-place winner receiving a minimum of \$500.00 at the national level. This year's first-place national award is \$5,000.00, plus, an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for the winner and a parent or guardian. This year the VFW Post 2208 first place winner will be awarded a first place medal, \$150.00 cash prize, and advance to the district level. The second place winner will receive a second place medal and \$100.00 cash prize; the third place winner will receive a third place medal and a \$50.00 cash prize. All qualified entrants will receive a full color high quality voice of democracy pin to show their patriotism.

Entries must be submitted to VFW Post 2208, located in the new Waverly Area Veterans Post building, at 1300 4th Street N.W. in Waverly. Entries may be mailed to Patriots Pen Contest, VFW Post 2208, P.O. Box 263, Waverly, IA 50677, or delivered in person at the lower entrance on the back side of the WAVP building Monday – Saturday, between 4pm and 9pm. Entries must be received at the VFW post no later than midnight, November 1, 2016.

For more details on the Patriots Pen Essay contest and to obtain the official entry form, visit your VFW on the web at www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/, in person at VFW Post 2208, or call Don Ryan, VFW Post 2208 patriot's pen committee member at 319-269-9181 with any questions.

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VFW POST 2208 OFFERS AREA HIGH SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Do you know a student in grades 9-12, who are enrolled in a public, private, parochial high school or a home study program in the United States, its territories or possessions; or is in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependent school who could use up to \$30,000.00 for college? Encourage them to enter the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition. The VFW established the Voice of Democracy (VOD) program to provide students the opportunity to express themselves in regards to democratic ideas and principles. Each year high school students from across the country enter to win a share of the \$2.2 million in education scholarships and incentives awarded through the VFW's Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition. Each year VFW's National Headquarters picks a patriotic theme for the competition. This year's theme is "My Responsibility To America." The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000.00 scholarship with other national scholarships ranging from \$1,000.00 - \$16,000.00. The first place winner from each state will win a minimum scholarship of \$1,000.00 and an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C.

There are prizes to earn at each level of the competition. It all starts with your local VFW Post 2208 in Waverly. This year the VFW Post 2208 first place winner will be awarded a first place medal, \$150.00 cash prize, and advance to the district level. The second place winner will receive a second place medal and \$100.00 cash prize; the third place winner will receive a third place medal and a \$50.00 cash prize. All qualified entrants will receive a full color high quality voice of democracy pin to show their patriotism. For more details on the Voice of Democracy contest and the official entry form, visit your VFW on line at www.vfw.org/VOD/, or call Don Ryan at 319-269-9181 with any questions.

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