

## Themes for VFW contests announced

The Celina Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5713 and its Ladies Auxiliary announce the themes for this year's Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Scholarships Contest.

### **Voice of Democracy**

2011-2012 Theme: **"Is There Pride in Serving Our Military?"**

**Who is eligible:** All students enrolled in public, private, parochial high school or homeschooled in the United States, its territories and possessions, or in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependent school in grades 9-12

**What they have to do:** Record a 3-5 minute essay on cassette or CD on this year's theme and label it. Type copy of the essay and complete the entry form.

**Why enter? :** National 1<sup>st</sup> place=\$30,000 and Department 1<sup>st</sup> place=\$7,000

The top national prize for the Voice of Democracy is a \$30,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. in March. There are also local, district and state awards along the way. VFW Post 5713 will be awarding 3 places in local competition with the winner receiving a \$500 cash award.

### **Patriot's Pen**

2011-2012 Theme: **"Are You Proud of Your Country?"**

**Who is eligible:** All students enrolled in public, private, parochial high school or homeschooled in the United States, its territories and possessions, or in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependent school in grades 6-8.

**What they have to do:** Write and type a 300-400 word essay on the theme in English, with no color or graphics and complete an entry form.

**Why enter? :** National 1<sup>st</sup> place=\$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond and Department 1<sup>st</sup> place=\$1,500 of every 15 entries to District Competition. Each of the post winners will receive a \$100 cash award.

Entries for both contests may be hand delivered to VFW Post 5713, 1118 West Logan Street, Celina or may be mailed to VFW Post 5713, PO Box 293, Celina OH 45822-0293. The deadline for us to receive all entries is Nov. 1, 2011.

Entry forms and rules are available in the Celina and Parkway Schools office or on the VFW Post 5713 website at [www.vfw5713.com](http://www.vfw5713.com). To listen to last year's winning speech, go to the VFW National Website at [vfw.org](http://vfw.org).

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