

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's theme is "**Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future?**" The contest is open to all high school students grades 9-12 and consists of a 3 to 5 minute tape recording plus a type-written essay of the speech. Home-schooled Students are also eligible.

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.

Patriots Pen's theme is "**Does Patriotism Still Matter?**" This contest gives students in grades 6,7 and 8 the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy and consists of a 300-400 word essay. Home-schooled Students are also eligible.

The top national prize for the Patriots Pen's is a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond and a trip to Washington, D.C. in March. There are also local, district and state awards along the way. VFW Post 5713 will advance 1 winner for 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, 2010.

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

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