

AMVETS

National Americanism

Contests

Co-sponsored by the membership of AMVETS and
AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

- **Flag Coloring**

(grades K & 1)



- **Poster**

(grades 2, 3, 4, 5)



- **Essay**

(grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12)

For more information:

Please contact your local AMVETS or AMVETS Ladies
Auxiliary Post at _____.

or AMVETS

National Programs

Dept.

Toll Free: 1-877-726-8387 ext. 4031

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Americanism

Our Signature Program

As veterans, we are all well aware of the many sacrifices made by service men and women throughout the history of our country. It is our collective duty to promote the ideals of Americanism, to ensure the veteran is never a forgotten citizen, and that the foundation on which this country was built is never taken for granted. The youth of America will be the torchbearers for the next generation and we can make a significant contribution in helping them to understand our rich heritage by taking our Program of Essays, Poster and Flag Coloring contests, with appropriate themes, to our nation's schools.

An Educators Endorsement

(Quotes you can use.)

Dr. John Bonfield, Superintendent of the School District of Lancaster, Pennsylvania and forty plus years veteran educator was quoted as saying, "it is really a wonderful opportunity for our young people to demonstrate their Americanism and Patriotism. It gives them a chance to use their skills and abilities through their essays and also their artwork. Our faculties are very pleased to cooperate with this contest because they know that there are good things behind it and good things happen as of a result of it."

When asked by Beryl Love, former AMVETS National Programs Director, what he might share with other AMVETS Posts who have yet to establish a partnership with their local schools, Dr. Bonfield responded, "they need to point out to schools how this fits into the curriculum, schools teach American government, they teach art, they teach social studies and those just naturally fit right into this contest with youngsters being able to, as an assignment, do an essay but do an essay about why they are proud to be an American. Or if they have an art assignment to do an art assignment demonstrating and symbolizing how and why they are proud to be an American. So I think it fits very nicely with the objectives of the schools and I think that most school districts would welcome the opportunity to participate."



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Flag Coloring Contest

Template at end of packet

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Entry Form

Please print legibly or type.

Applications with Colored Flags should be returned to your local AMVETS Post or State Dept.

Student Information:

National Americanism Flag Coloring Contest in the _____ grade category.

Name: _____ Birth Date ____/____/____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Student/Parent E-mail: _____

Telephone #: (____)____-____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Name of School _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

School E-mail: _____

Telephone #: (____)____-____

Teacher's Name _____

This section must be completed and signed by the Department Americanism Officer or Executive Director. Flag coloring entries must be submitted to the designated Department official. Only 1st place Department entries can be submitted to National Headquarters. A letter from the appropriate Post Official must state:

The attached 1st Place Flag Coloring is submitted for entry by:

AMVETS/Ladies Auxiliary - Department/Post _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone #: (____)____-____

Date _____

Signature of AMVETS/Auxiliary
Department Americanism Chairman

AMVETS National Americanism Flag Coloring Contest Rules

Template at end of packet

Who can participate?

All students in kindergarten and 1st grade who attend public, private, parochial schools, Sunday schools, are home schooled, or members of any youth organization, are eligible to enter.

Theme:

Color the American Flag template.

Contest rules:

- Flag template may be colored using markers or crayons.
- Questions must be answered.
- Entries must use the template provided or copies of the template, including both sides.
- All national entries must be postmarked by July 1. Local and state deadlines may vary.

Criteria for judging of Posters:

* Use of template provided * Neatness * Answers to questions

National Awards – Gift Cards

Kindergarten: 1st - \$75

2nd - \$50

3rd - \$ 25

1st Grade: 1st - \$75

2nd - \$50

3rd - \$ 25



AMVETS National Americanism Poster Contest

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Entry Form

Please print legibly or type

Applications and posters should be returned to your local AMVETS Post or State Dept.

Student Information:

National Americanism Poster Contest in the _____ grade category.

Name: _____ Birth Date ___/___/___

Address: _____

Student/Parent E-mail: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone #: (____)____-_____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Name of School _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

School E-mail: _____

Telephone #: (____)____-_____

Teacher's Name _____

This section must be completed and signed by the Department Americanism Officer or Executive Director. Poster entries must be submitted to the designated Department official. Only 1st place Department entries can be submitted to National Headquarters. A letter from the appropriate Post Official must state:

The attached 1st Place Poster is submitted for entry by:

AMVETS/Ladies Auxiliary - Department/Post _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone #: (____)____-_____

Date

Signature of AMVETS/Auxiliary
Department Americanism Chairman

AMVETS National Americanism Poster Contest Rules

Who Can Participate?

All students in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades who attend public, private or parochial schools are eligible to enter.

Annual Themes:

2017-2018: "Why is the Constitution important to me?"

2018-2019: "Why should you say 'Thank you' to a Veteran?"

2019-2020: "What does freedom mean to me?"

2020-2021: "What do I think of when I see the American flag?"

2021-2022: "Why should we honor and respect our Veterans?"

Contest Rules:

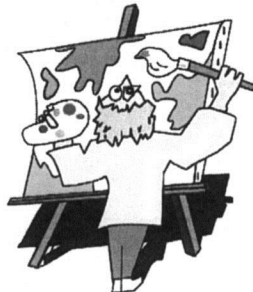
- ☒ All students must address the theme.
- ☒ All entries must be free-hand drawings, using pens, pencils, crayons, paint or any combination of these materials. A straight edge may be used as an aid to draw a straight line.
- ☒ Gluing pictures or other materials to the surface of the drawing is not permitted.
- ☒ The student's description of the poster must be written on the back of the poster in 50 words or less. Descriptions that are firmly attached to the back of the poster will also be accepted.
- ☒ Entries must be 9" x 12" using construction paper or poster board.
- ☒ All national entries must be postmarked by July 1. Local and state deadlines may vary.

Criteria for judging of Posters:

* Artistic Ability * Adherence to Theme * Neatness

National Awards – Gift Cards

2nd Grade:	1 st - \$100	2 nd - \$75	3 rd - \$50
3rd Grade:	1 st - \$100	2 nd - \$75	3 rd - \$50
4th Grade:	1 st - \$125	2 nd - \$100	3 rd - \$75
5th Grade:	1 st - \$150	2 nd - \$125	3 rd - \$100



AMVETS National Americanism Essay Contest

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Entry Form

Please print legibly or type

Applications and essays should be returned to your local AMVETS Post or State Department.

Student Information:

National Americanism Essay Contest in the _____ grade category.

Name: _____ Birth Date __/__/__

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Student/Parent E-mail: _____

Telephone #: (____)____-_____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Name of School _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

School E-mail: _____

Telephone #: (____)____-_____

Teacher's Name _____

This section must be completed and signed by the Department Americanism Officer or Executive Director. Essay entries must be submitted to the designated Department official. Only 1st place Department entries can be submitted to National Headquarters. A letter from the appropriate Post Official must state:

The attached 1st Place Essay is submitted for entry by:

AMVETS/Ladies Auxiliary - Department/Post _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone #: (____)____-_____

Date _____

Signature of AMVETS/Auxiliary
Department Americanism Chairman

AMVETS National Americanism Essay Contest Rules

Who Can Participate?

All students in the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades who attend public, private or parochial schools are eligible to enter.

Annual Themes:

2017-2018: "Why is the Constitution important to me?"

2018-2019: "Why should you say 'Thank you' to a Veteran?"

2019-2020: "What does freedom mean to me?"

2020-2021: "What do I think of when I see the American flag?"

2021-2022: "Why should we honor and respect our Veterans?"

Contest Rules:

- All students must address the theme.
- All essays may be written in ink, typed or produced on a computer.
- 6th Grade students should submit essays of 200 words or less.
- 7th and 8th Grade students should submit essays of 300 words or less.
- 9th and 10th Grade students should submit essays of 400 words or less.
- 11th and 12th Grade students should submit essays of 500 words or less.
- All national entries must be postmarked by July 1. Local and state deadlines may vary.

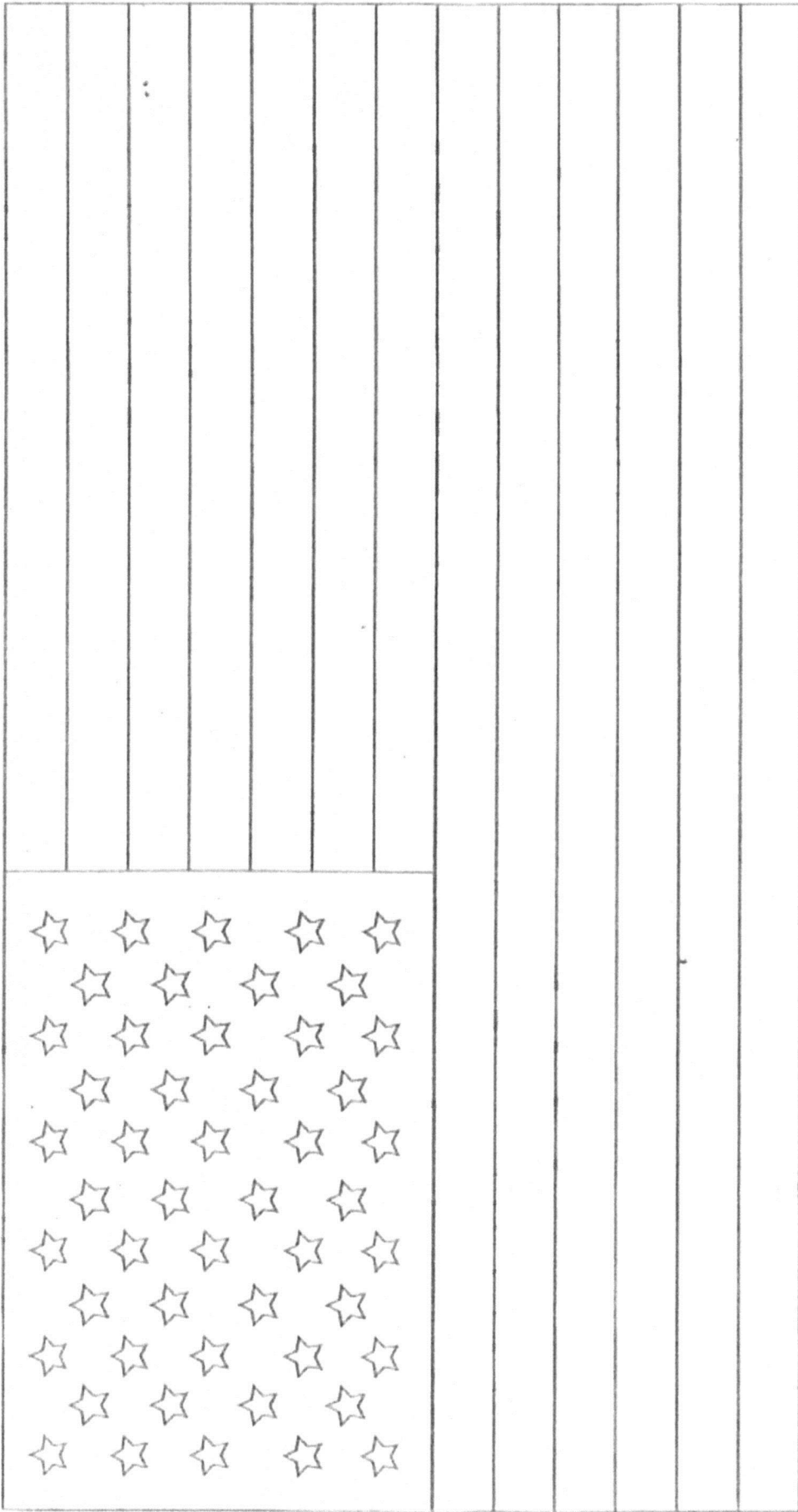
Criteria for judging of essays:

* Originality * Adherence to theme * Literary composition

National Awards – Gift Cards

6th Grade:	1 st - \$125	2 nd - \$100	3 rd - \$75
7th Grade:	1 st - \$150	2 nd - \$125	3 rd - \$100
8th Grade:	1 st - \$150	2 nd - \$125	3 rd - \$100
10th Grade:	1 st - \$375	2 nd - \$250	3 rd - \$150
11th Grade:	1 st - \$500	2 nd - \$375	3 rd - \$250
12th Grade:	1 st - \$500	2 nd - \$375	3 rd - \$250

All 9th Grade Department first-place winners receive an all-expense paid trip to the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania for a long weekend of youth oriented activities. Dynamic speakers and sightseeing are highlights of a trip that is sure to be long remembered.



United States of America

How many stars are on the flag? _____

How many Red stripes are on the flag? _____

How many White stripes are on the flag? _____

What did the thirteen stripes represent? _____