



Students encouraged to enter VFW essay contest

Oct. 31 is the deadline for young people to submit their patriotic written or audio essays for the Veterans of Foreign Wars contests for middle and high school students. This year, children of Hanford employees are eligible to win prizes donated by Hanford contractors, in addition to the local district, state and national categories of the VFW contest.

An essay contest with the theme "Is Freedom Really Free?" is for seventh and eighth grade students. The first-place national winner receives a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond and a trip to Washington D.C. The Voice of Democracy audio essay contest is for ninth through twelfth grade students. The first-place national winner in this competition receives a \$25,000 scholarship and the second-place winner receives a \$16,000 scholarship.

Entries may be mailed to Jim Spracklen at A7-50 or Guy Schein at A7-75, or delivered to the Federal Building to either Spracklen in room 703 or Schein in room 760. Rules and entry forms for the contests are available on the VFW Web site, www.vfw.org, or you can contact Spracklen or Schein. ♦