

VFW essay contest deadline nears, Hanford contractors sponsor prizes for local winners

The Department of Energy Veterans Advisory Committee and the Hanford Safeguards and Security organizations would like to remind you that Oct. 31 is the deadline for entries to the patriotic essay contests sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars ("Encourage your kids to enter the patriotic essay contest," *Hanford Reach*, Oct. 1).

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 12th 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.

At the local level, children of Hanford employees are eligible to win prizes (over \$2,000 in Savings Bonds, gift certificates and medals donated by Hanford contractors) in addition to the local district, state and national categories of the VFW contest.

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. ♦