

The local V.F.W. Auxiliary to Post 742 of Marshall is sponsoring the National Voice of Democracy (VOD) and Patriot's Pen Essay contests.

The VOD contest is open to all students enrolled in public, private, parochial high schools or home schooled in grades 9 thru 12. The students need to record a three-five minute essay on a cassette tape or a CD on this year's theme, "Does My Generation Have A Role In America's Future?"

The Patriot's Pen Essay contest is open to students in grades six through eight. The essay must only have 300-400 words and all words count, even single-letter words.

The theme for this contest is "Does Patriotism Still Matter?"

All entries in these two contests will be judged on the local level, with winner to go on to the District level, and the winner of that will go on to the Department level.

The Department winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. and will be entered in the National level.

The National winner will receive a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond.

There are awards made on all the other levels also. Deadlines for both contests are the same.

November 1 – entries to be submitted to the local Auxiliary for judging.

Deadlines are:

November 15 – Auxiliary winner will be forwarded to the District Chairman.

December 6 – District winner will be forwarded to the Department Chairman.

January 7 – completion of Department judging and the winner will be forwarded to the National Chairman for judging on the national level. Applications for both contests are available by calling Lois Novosad at 532-5236