



**PATRIOT'S PEN  
YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST  
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
VFW 2019-2020  
"Why I Honor the American Flag"**

Info To: Department Commander Wayne Perry  
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From: Benjamin Lipschutz  
State Patriot's Pen Chairman

Subject: 2019-2020 Patriot's Pen Patriotic Youth Essay Competition

Theme: **"WHAT MAKES AMERICA GREAT"**

Fellow Comrades and Sisters:

Welcome to another exciting year of the Annual State Patriot's Pen Patriot Youth Essay Writing Contest. I know that with all of your hard work and dedication to this program we will have yet another successful year. This year, the theme "What Makes America Great," encourages young minds to examine America's storied history as well as their own experiences in American society. I thank each of you for your hard work and dedication to this program. With your support, we will have a very successful year. The following information should help you get started:

Post and District Chairmen can access the program guides, find participating Posts, download student brochures or purchase them on line (Item #04420) from the National VFW website [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). Students can also complete a Patriot's Pen entry form on the National website using the Patriot's Pen link. The Department website is [www.vfwpahq.org](http://www.vfwpahq.org); where you will find Department deadlines and the student entry brochure.

State Deadlines for the 2019-2020 Patriot's Pen Program are listed below:

- 1.) October 31, 2019—Student Deadline Entry is at Midnight
- 2.) November 15, 2019—Post judging completed
- 3.) December 8, 2019—District judging completed
- 4.) December 14, 2019—District Winner Entry Form, typed essay, head and shoulders photo of good quality, District summary report and District participation report in the hands of the Department Chairman, Benjamin Lipschutz at 402 Center Street, Enola, PA 17025

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- 5.) December 15, 2019—Department judging (Time and location TBD)
- 6.) January 15, 2020—Department Winner and Reports submitted to National Headquarters
- 7.) February 1, 2020---Annual Voice of Democracy Banquet (Wyndham Gettysburg, 95 Presidential Cir, Gettysburg PA, 17325)

The State Auxiliary Chairman is Joan Faddis. If you have any questions or concerns, Joan and I can be contacted as follows:

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Thank you!

In Support of our Troops and Friendship in the VFW and Its Auxiliary,



State Patriot's Pen Chairman