



2012 STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

Co-Sponsored by: The Navy League of the United States – Hartford Council AND The State of Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs

CONTEST RULES – DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

The **Navy League of the United States – Hartford Council** and the **State of Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs** sponsor this special essay project to encourage 6th, 7th and 8th graders to learn more about the heroism and importance of American servicemen and women throughout our nation's history.

TO BE ELIGIBLE for the 2012 Connecticut Veterans Parade Essay Contest, candidates must:

- Be a 6th, 7th or 8th grade student for the 2012-2013 school year
- Be a legal resident of the State of Connecticut
- Limit entries to one entry per person
- **Write an original essay entitled:**
“What It Means To Be A Veteran”
- Limit the essay to 500 words or less
- E-mail or mail a completed entry form with an original essay **no later than Friday, September 28, 2012 to either:**

E-Mail to:
d.rowles@cox.net

OR

Mail to:
Paul Willis, Navy League
23 Moose Horn Road
West Granby, CT 06090

Entries will be judged by a panel of individuals.

JUDGING CRITERIA to be considered for all entries:

- Power of the Message of the Essay
- Clarity of Thought
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
- Overall Comprehension of the Topic

The panel of judges will select one (1) top essay winner and two (2) runners-up.

The Contest Winner will:

- Ride with one guest in a special vehicle in the 13th annual Connecticut Veterans Parade on Sunday, November 4, 2012 in Hartford
- Be honored at a special ceremony in the Hall of Flags at the Connecticut State Capitol and read his/her winning entry to the audience on Tuesday, October 30, 2012.
- Receive a U.S. flag that has flown over the Connecticut State Capitol Building
- Receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the Navy League of the U.S.–Hartford Council

The Two Contest Runners-Up will each:

- Be honored at a special ceremony in the Hall of Flags at the Connecticut State Capitol and read their winning entries to the audience on Tuesday, October 30, 2012.
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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONTEST? Call (860) 653-4484



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ENTRY FORM

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▶ **Essay entitled “What It Means To Be A Veteran”**

Please make sure your name and phone number are listed at top of essay

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____

CT, Zip Code: _____ Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Grade: (Circle one) 6th grade 7th grade 8th grade

Middle School: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____

State: Connecticut ZIP: _____

Teacher (if involved in your essay project) _____

School Principal/Head Master: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Attached is my one-page essay titled, “What It Means To Be A Veteran”

Thank you for the opportunity to have my essay considered by the Connecticut Veterans Parade Essay Contest Judges. I am personally responsible for the content of my original essay. I understand that my essay will not be returned to me and that I will be notified only if I am the Winner or one of the two Runners- Up.

Signature of Entrant

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