VFW Post 739 in Bangor Offer Two Scholarships

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - Commander Nick Alfero Jr. and Auxiliary President Deborah Riley of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 739 in Bangor, PA announce the kick off of this year's VFW and Auxiliary "Patriots Pen Essay Competition" and "Voice of Democracy Patriotic Audio Essay Competition."

The "Patriots Pen Essay Competition" is for Middle school students in grades 6-8 in this area have the opportunity to compete in the VFW's annual essay competition and win thousands of dollars.

Students begin by competing at the local Post level. Post winners advance to District. District winners compete in the state competition. The state winners compete for \$46,000 in awards, and then compete at the National level for \$54,500 in prizes.

Students are invited to write a 300-400 word essay on a patriotic theme. The theme for 2019-2020 is

"What Makes America Great"

Create a typed essay and entry form to submit to their local Post in Bangor.

Download and application at: www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-

Program is open to all regardless of VFW Affiliation or veteran status.

"Voice of Democracy Patriotic Audio Essay Competition" is for local high school students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Students in Grade 9-12 begin by competing at the local Post level with a deadline of October 31st. Post winners advance to District and then the first place District winner advances to the state competition. All State winners receive a four day trip to Washington, D.C. A total of \$152,000 is awarded to national finalist. First place is a \$30,000 scholarship. Annually the VFW provides more than \$2 Million in scholarships. Each year around 40,000 students participate in the competition.

Students must write and record a three-to- five minute essay on the 2019-2020 theme: "What Makes America Great"

Create an audio CD and present their recording, typed essay, and entry form to their ocal Post in Bangor.

Download an application at: www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-schol-

Deadline for student entries is October 31, 2019.

Submit applications to: VFW Post 739, Commander Nick Alfero Jr. and Deborah Riley 202 Veterans Rd. Bangor, PA 18013



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August 31

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September 1

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River Road to Close for Maintenance on August 27

By John Lambert, Chief of Maintenance

Bushkill, PA- River Road on the Pennsylvania side of Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area will be closed on Tuesday, August 27, for road maintenance and crack sealing. The closure will take place between midnight and 3 pm and will extend from the southern boundary near Hialeah Picnic Area to Park Headquarters. If work is completed earlier than expected, the road will be re-opened before 3 pm. Hialeah Picnic Area will remain open and access to the McDade Trail will be available at the Hialeah and Park Headquarters trailheads during the closure.



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