

Dubuque Elk Lodge 297

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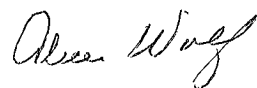
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Middle School (Teachers or Counselors)

The Dubuque Elk Lodge and I as Chairperson of this contest, would like your help in presenting this Patriotic essay contest "What Does Veterans Day Mean To Me", too your students in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade that are interested in participating.

Thank you for your help and if you have any questions or need more copies please let me know.

Respectfully

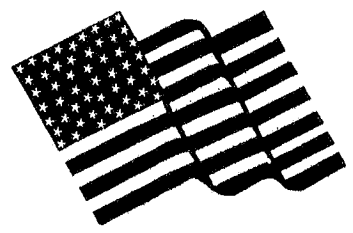
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2013-2014

Americanism Essay Contest



Essay Theme: "What Does Veterans Day Mean To Me?"

1. Eligible participants must be a student enrolled in the fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth grade during the normal 2013-14 school year, preceding June 30, 2014. Deadline: Must be submitted to Local Lodge by January 10, 2014.
  2. Essay length is not to exceed 250 words.
  3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
  4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge administering the contest at his or her school or, if unknown, to Lodge nearest to home address of entrant.
  5. Entrant must be identified on essay by name, home address, grade, school attended and sponsoring Lodge. (Lodge may enter Lodge information on essay.)
  6. Judging criteria:
    - Originality: Avoid the use of trite or worn out words and phrases – 30 points
    - Development of theme: Stay focused on ideas and thoughts. Don't ramble – 40 points
    - Mechanics and neatness: Use proper spelling, grammar and punctuation – 30 points
- There are two divisions for judging essays:  
 Division 1 (combined fifth and sixth grades)  
 Division 2 (combined seventh and eighth grades)

**PROCEDURES FOR LODGE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN**  
 Select from submitted entries the top three essays from each division and send the six essays to the District Americanism Chairman by Jan. 30, 2014, or the date established by the State Association.

**PROCEDURES FOR DISTRICT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN**  
 Select the top three essays in each division from entries submitted by Local Lodges and send the six essays to the State Americanism Chairman by Feb. 28, 2014, or the date established by the State Association.

**PROCEDURES FOR STATE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN**  
 Select the first-, second- and third-place winners for the state from entries submitted by District Chairman. Unlike in past years, State Chairpersons no longer submit their top winners for national judging. Grand Lodge no longer sponsors a National Americanism Essay Contest.

**REMINDER:**  
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## 2013-2014 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST COVER SHEET

(MUST be attached to each Essay)

# “What Does Veterans Day Mean To Me?”

### Section 1 — to be filled out by student

Division I: 5th or 6th Grade

(Circle One)

Division II: 7th or 8th Grade

School \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female

Age \_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_ Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
*(used only to contact the winners)*

Send to Local Lodge no later than: \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 2 — to be filled out by Lodge Chairman

Chairman's Name Alice Wolf

Chairman's Home Phone Number (563) 580-1962

Sponsoring Lodge Name & Number Dubuque EIKS Lodge # 297

Address 763 Kane Street City Dubuque State La ZIP 52001-1746

Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the District Americanism Chairman by January 30, 2014 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)

### Section 3 — to be filled out by District Chairman

Chairman's Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's Home Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the State Americanism Chairman by February 15, 2014 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)

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