

VOICE of DEMOCRACY

August 16, 2011

TO: All Districts, County Councils, Posts and Auxiliaries

RE: Department of New York, VFW Voice of Democracy Program

Dear Comrades and Sisters:

This year the Student application, along with the other forms and instructions needed can be downloaded and printed from the VFW website www.vfw.org/Community/Programs/. All information that is needed to conduct the programs is online now under "My VFW." Go to <http://www.vfw.org/Login.aspx> where you can access all of the VFW's Online Membership System services. After you log in, click on Chairman Guides, under the "General Members Tools and Resources" heading. The VOD and Patriot's Pen score sheets can be found there. For entry forms for VOD go to <http://www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy/>.

All student entries must be at their respective Post by Midnight, November 1, 2011. **This date cannot be extended.** Post judging needs to be completed by November 15, 2011 and passed on to the District Chairman. District judging is to be completed by December 6, 2011 and passed on to the Department Chairman. The Department judging will be at the Silas Wainwright VFW Post #6338 in Gouverneur, NY on December 17, 2011. I would like them in hand by December 15, 2011.

Post and District Chairmen: Please forward to the next level:

- (1) Official Student entry form
- (2) Typed Essay
- (3) Recording of Essay: (CDs are preferred) (Check them out on a standard radio or car CD player before you pass them on
- (4) Photograph: (**Must be a clear, close-up shot of head and shoulders**).

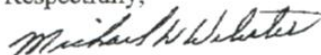
Please send district winner packet to:

Michael W. Webster, 2475 St. Hwy. 58, Edwards, NY 13635

If you have questions please feel free to call me or leave a message at 315-322-3912. Thank you for your support and participation. District Commanders/Chairmen please make your deadline to the Department level. I still need some names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for some District Chairmen.

Thank you to Department Commander Harold "Mick" Leavor for this appointment. It is an honor for me to serve as his Voice of Democracy Chairman.

Respectfully,



Michael W. Webster