



# “WHY OUR VETERANS ARE AMERICA’S HEROES”

## Essay Contest

*Sponsored by Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of  
The United States of America*

### RULES:

1. Eligible participants must be Students enrolled in the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade at the time of the contest.
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 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 nearest to the address of the entrant.
5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

### AWARDS:

Plaques will be awarded by the Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for national winning essays in Division I and Division II. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in San Antonio, Texas, July 1-4, 2018.

### ENTRY DATE:

Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before December 15, 2017.

*The Essay Contest Cover Sheet must be completed for each level of competition and remain attached to the Essay.*



# 2017-2018 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST COVER SHEET



(MUST be attached to each Essay)

## “Why Our Veterans Are America’s Heroes”

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

Division I: 5th or 6th Grade

(Circle One)

Division II: 7th or 8th Grade

School \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

(used only to contact the winners)

Send to Local Lodge no later than December 15, 2017.

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

Chairman's Name F Milo Joe

Chairman's Home Phone Number (518) 265-5196

Sponsoring Lodge Name & Number Mechanicville-Stillwater Lodge #1403

Address PO Box 649 City Mechanicville State NY ZIP 12118

Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the District Americanism Chairman by January 31, 2018 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 28, 2018 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)

### Section 4 — to be filled out by State Chairman

Chairman's Name \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Select the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners for your State and send the 1st place winner from each division to the Contest Administrator, Dennis A. Ramsey, by March 31, 2018.