



Veterans Day 2017

Sponsored by The Historical Society of Orange Park
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I. Contest Label Form and Publicity Release Form

All entries must be accompanied by both a fully completed “Contest Label Form,” taped or clipped to the back of each entry (please do not staple), as well as a completed “Publicity Release Form.”

II. Contest Theme

The theme for the Essay Contest is to *explain the importance of celebrating veterans and Veteran’s Day*. Each Essay Contest student, using his or her own words and creativity, will tell a personal story about how veterans have made an impact in their life, neighborhood, or town.

III. Contest Deadline

All essay entries must be received by **September 29, 2017**. The Grand Prize winners will be notified by October 25, 2017. **Entries not meeting deadlines will be disqualified.**

IV. Contest Grade Categories and Topics

The contests will be evaluated in the following grade-related categories.

Grade level:	Word limits:	Topic:	Prize Offered:
4 th –6 th	300 -500	<i>Why do we have a holiday called Veterans Day?</i>	\$50
7 th –8 th	400-700	<i>What does it mean to be a Veteran?</i>	\$75
9 th -12 th	500-1000	<i>What does the phrase "Duty, Honor, Country" mean to you and to military veterans?</i>	\$100

Essay entries can be typed or handwritten neatly on white 8½" X 11" lined paper must be in English.. All essays must be the work of only one (1) student, consisting of the student’s own words, thoughts, and creativity. Interviewing veteran service members is highly encouraged.

Note: Upon submission, all essays become the property of the Historical Society of Orange Park.

Eligibility The contest is open to students in Grades 4-12 who are enrolled in public and private schools and home-schooled students living in Clay County.

V. Judging

The decision of the adjudication panel is final. Each essay will be judged on the following criteria:

Expression of the theme (50%) Content of writing (25%) Creativity of writing (25%).

VI. Awards A group of 5 student finalists from each of the three grade categories will be awarded a certificate of merit. The winning student from each grade category will be presented with a special plaque and an educational gift certificate in the following values:

4th –6th Grade – \$50 7th –8th Grade - \$75 9th -12th Grade \$100.

Winners in each grade category will be invited to read their essays on November 11, 2017 at a Veteran’s Day ceremony held at *Magnolia Cemetery Veteran’s Memorial*, 1040 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park. Students arrive 10:45 AM for a ceremony which will conclude by noon followed by refreshments at the historic Clarke House on Kingsley Avenue, across the street from the ceremony.

Note: The Historical Society of Orange Park assumes no responsibility for essay submissions. Winning entrants agree that Historical Society of Orange Park has the right to use, without further permission and/or compensation, their essays for promotion of Veterans Day, or any other related use. The submissions will not be returned.



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Publicity Release Form



Contest Label Form

PLEASE COMPLETE ENTIRE FORM AND PRINT CLEARLY. One copy of this cover sheet is required for each teacher submitting essays. Please clip or rubber-band this form to the set of entries for one teacher and place in the envelope containing all entries. Please **do not staple**. Multiple teacher bundles can be mailed within the same envelope.

Mail to:

Historical Society of Orange Park, Inc.
P.O. Box 08, Orange Park, FL 32067

Email: info@ophistory.org

Contact: Cynthia Cheatwood,
Orange Park Junior High (for school mail submissions)

Entries must be received by Sept. 29, 2017.

Teacher/School Information

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's Phone (day): _____

Teacher's Email: _____

Total number of essays submitted for this teacher _____

Please send no more than 25 entries per school.



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STUDENT ENTRY FORM AND RELEASE

One form per student should be completed by the teacher coordinating that school's participation.
Entries must be received by September 29, 2017.

Each entry must be labeled with the following information:

Student's Name: _____

Essay Title: _____

Student's Grade: _____ School Name: _____

School Telephone: _____ Teacher's Name _____

Teacher's Contact Information (email): _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Contact (email, phone): _____

I **have read the contest** guidelines and affirm that this entry is in compliance with them. Entries must be original work, created by the student during the current school year, never have been published in any other medium, and the entrant must own all rights to reproduce the entries in any medium without restriction. All expenses involved in preparing and submitting an entry are the entrants'. Entry into this contest constitutes permission for the essay and author, to be photographed for publicity purposes and for the work to be reproduced in any medium without time, use or territorial limitation as long as such is for noncommercial purposes without any additional compensation to the child, teacher, parents, or legal guardians. All federal, state, and local regulations apply. Void where prohibited by law.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____