



Commander's Column

VFW National Convention is now behind us and as a Post our course is officially charted for the next year. Our focus this year will be on all of our community service programs.

There will always be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for you to document your community service efforts and will be recorded with the efforts of our very active Honor Guard. This year we will focus on involvement within the Benton County school systems to foster a renewed focus on patriotism with our local students.

Patriot's Pen – Originally created as a Youth Essay Contest, Aimed at junior high and middle school, (6th, 7th and 8th grade) to write a 300-400 word essay on a new patriotic theme each year. The reward for participants is a hefty scholarship.

Voice of Democracy-is an Audio/Essay Contest for High School (grades 9-12) students to record a 3-5 minute essay on a patriotic theme. Like Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy offers substantial Scholarship and other incentives.

VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

Nominations for this award do not have to come from school administration but can come from any individual who chooses to make a nomination.

Please try to attend our next meeting on Saturday August18, When we will discuss post improvements with the funds garnered from HBO's filming for season 3 of True Detectives. I look forward to your volunteerism in the future. We need the Help!

Patrick Collins

Commander

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President's Column

As I was in Kansas City for our National convention, I would like to thank Norma Hill for running the meeting in my absence.

We are having a car wash August 4th starting at 8am until noon at Cat Fish Johns, on highway 62. We need all the volunteers we can get.

The post is having a fish fry on August 5th starting at 1pm. Auxiliary is to bring side dishes.

Burger night has been moved back to Tuesday nights 5 to 7pm. Sorry if there were any in convince.

We discussed Patriot's Day coming up September 11. I need a chairman and volunteers to go and talk to out Fire Department & Police Department. Please if you are willing to do this for your Auxiliary contact me or any other officer.

Our next meeting will be August 18th at the home post at 10am. Please come out. You have a say in what we do and that say is important.

Thank you
Connie Fields, President

