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Commander Nick Alfero Jr. and Auxiliary President Deborah Riley of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 739 in Bangor, PA announce the kick off of this year's VFW and Auxiliary "Patriots Pen Essay Competition." Middle school students in grades 6-8 in this area have the opportunity to compete in the VFW's annual essay competition and win thousands of dollars.

Students begin by competing at the local Post level. Post winners advance to District. District winners compete in the state competition. The state winners compete for \$46,000 in awards, and then compete at the National level for \$54,500 in prizes.

Students are invited to write a 300-400 word essay on a patriotic theme. The theme for 2020-2021 is

"What is Patriotism to Me?"

Create a typed essay and entry form to submit to their local Post in Bangor.

Deadline for student entries is October 31, 2020.

Submit applications to
VFW Post 739
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