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Commander Nick Alfero Jr. of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post 739 in Bangor, PA has announced the kick off of the annual VFW and its Auxiliary "Voice of Democracy Patriotic Audio Essay Competition." Local high school students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Students in Grade 9-12 begin by competing at the local Post level with a deadline of October 31st. Post winners advance to District and then the first place District winner advances to the state competition. All State winners receive a four day trip to Washington, D.C. A total of \$152,000 is awarded to national finalist. First place is a \$30,000 scholarship. Annually the VFW provides more than \$2 Million in scholarships. Each year around 40,000 students participate in the competition.

Students must write and record a three-to- five minute essay on the 2020-2021 theme:

"Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned"

Create an audio CD and present their recording, typed essay, and entry form to their local Post in Bangor.

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Deadline for student entries is October 31, 2020.

Program is open to all regardless of VFW Affiliation or veteran status.