I am following up on the spring announcement about the Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot’s Pen Scholarship Essay Program. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4346, Toccoa, Georgia, is your sponsoring Post and I am the Auxiliary representative this year.

The **Patriot’s Pen** is open to 6th through 8th grades. This year’s theme is “What Freedom Means to Me.”

The deadline for submission to the VFW Post 4346 is November 1, 2015. The Post will award First, Second and Third place cash prizes. Winners at each level will advance through District, Department, State and National competitions.

Forms are on order and will be delivered to you. You can also download them yourself at www.vfw.org. The **deadline for submission to VFW Post 4346 is November 1, 2015.** I will pick up the entries from Stephens County Middle School main office at 10:30 AM on October 30, 2015. Any late entries may be delivered to the Post Home before midnight on November 1, 2015. Please ensure that the students know the following:

- Entry Forms need to be filled out completely. Please use blue or black ink, and print information clearly. If there is no phone or email address available please draw a line through or write N/A so we know it was not accidentally omitted. If the student is independent and does not require a parent signature, please write that on the line where the parent signature would go.
- Review your essay, making sure the word count is between 300 and 400 words not counting the title. This is recounted by Auxiliary members before essays are judged!
- Do not write your name even on the back of the essay.

Pictures of finalists only will accompany the essays to the District competition. When finalists are announced, a request for a time to take those pictures will be sent. We have a small window to judge, photo shoot and send off our entries to District competition.

Most of your questions and additional information can be found at www.vfw.org or you are welcome to contact me for further information.

The Post and Auxiliary are look forward to working with you to encourage our children's patriotism through these scholarship programs.

Sincerely,

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