

# Patriot's Pen

## Veterans of Foreign Wars

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars runs the Voice of Democracy essay contest for high schoolers. The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship. The theme for 2016-2017 was "My Responsibility to America". Camden Military Academy's Daylen Clark came in 2nd place in Kershaw County.

Patriot's Pen is another annual contest for middle schoolers, grades 6 through 8. There are over 130,000 participants each year. The theme for 2015 was "The America I Believe In". Cadet Josh Jenkins came in 4th place for Kershaw County.



"The America I Believe In"

## "My Experience"

"Patriot's Pen was a very good experience. I had to write an essay about what freedom means to me. I won first place at Camden Military Academy and won fourth place in the city of Camden. This was a very good experience and I am very happy I participated in the contest."

Josh Jenkins  
Simpsonville, South Carolina



"What I liked most about the event was the people I was around. There were war heroes and their families, all having a good time. I was presented my award for second place and was then given a pin. It was a great experience."

Daylen Clark  
Bellaire, Texas

