

Veterans of Foreign Wars

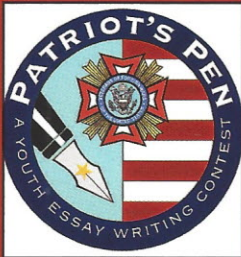
Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars runs the Voice of Democracy essay contest for high schoolers. The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship. The theme for 2016-2017 was "My Responsibility to America". Camden Military Academy's Jack Furlow came in 4th place for Kershaw County.

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 2016-2017 was "The America I Believe In". Cadet Nicholas Wilson came in 5th place for Kershaw County.



"The America I Believe In"

My Experience



"My favorite part was when the Commandant pinned my pin on my uniform. I had fun with my friends Jack Furlow, Nick Furlow, and the S-5. I was a little bit nervous when I got there, but the free food calmed me down. I was very thankful for the food."

Nicholas Wilson
(Chesapeake, Virginia)



"My favorite part of the award ceremony was when I was able to listen to all of the other contestants' essays. I got to hear their responsibilities to America and how they were similar to mine."

Jack Furlow
(Charlotte, North Carolina)



Nicholas Wilson (Chesapeake, Virginia) is getting the Patriot's Pen pin.