Americanism
Essay Contest

Each year the Elks Lodge of San Mateo sponsors an essay contest with a theme relating to Americanism. Students in Fifth through Eighth grades are encouraged to participate by writing an essay of 250 words or less on “What Does the National Anthem Mean to Me?”

The first, second and third place winners from each grade level will be awarded a cash prize. First place winners will be awarded a $50.00 prize. Second and Third place winners will be awarded a $25.00 prize.

The winners will then have an opportunity to proceed to the State and the National contest. Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before January 10, 2013.

To download a Student Identification Form and Americanism Essay contest flyers, visit our website at www.sanjmateoelks.org.

We are looking forward to some very interesting essays!
“What Does Veterans Day Mean to Me?”

ESSAY CONTEST
Sponsored by Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of
The United States of America

RULES:
1. Eligible participants must be Students enrolled in 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade during the
2. Essay length is not to exceed 250 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legible printed in ink.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge administering the contest
   at his/her school or, if unknown, the Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
5. Participant must be identified by name, home address, grade, school attending and
   sponsoring Lodge on the Essay.
   NOTE: National Winners must have Social Security Number attached.
7. Judging Criteria: Originality: avoids the use of trite or worn out words and phrases.
   Development of theme: stays focused on ideas and thoughts don’t ramble.
   Mechanics and neatness: uses proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

The first, second and third place winners from each grade level will be awarded: $100.00 for
first place, $50.00 for a second and third place. The winners will then have an opportunity to
proceed to the State and the National contest.

ENTRY DATE:
Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before January 10, 2014.

Sponsoring Elks Lodge: San Mateo Elks Lodge No. 1112
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2013-2014 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST
STUDENT IDENTIFICATION FORM
(MUST be attached to each Essay)

"What Does Veterans Day Mean To Me?

Student's Name (Last, first, middle initial) ___________________________ Age ________
□ Male □ Female

Parent's Name (Last, first, middle initial) ___________________________

Street address ___________________________ City ___________________________ State ________ ZIP Code ________

Primary phone number ___________________________ Other phone number ___________________________ E-mail address ___________________________

SCHOOL

Street address ___________________________ City ___________________________ State ________ ZIP Code ________

Grade ___________________________
Name of Principal ___________________________

Name of Teacher ___________________________ Teacher's Signature ___________________________ Date ________________

Send to Local Lodge no later than January 10, 2014