



## **Veterans Day 2009 6th Annual National Poster & Essay Contest**

### *Veterans Day: Why I'm Grateful for Our Nation's Veterans*

Veterans Day is the one day of the year dedicated to thanking the men and women who have made countless sacrifices for our country. This Veterans Day, children can express their thanks for America's veterans by entering Paralyzed Veterans of America's (Paralyzed Veterans) sixth annual National Veterans Day Poster and Essay Contests. It is a great opportunity for children to express what America's veterans mean to them. For teachers and parents, it's an opportunity to teach children about our nation's veterans, the service and sacrifices they made for our country, and the contributions they continue to make in our communities today.

Throughout history, America's soldiers have fought for the freedoms we enjoy, and Paralyzed Veterans salutes them this year through the contest theme *Veterans Day: Why I'm Grateful for Our Nation's Veterans*. Using their own words and creativity, children can express the impact from the many contributions veterans have made to our country, from our founding fathers to those who have recently served overseas.

This year's competition is open to students in grades 1—8. The poster contest is open to students in grades 1—4, which will be separated into two categories for judging: 1st — 2nd grade and 3rd—4th grade. The essay contest is open to students in grades 5—8 and will be separated into two categories for judging: 5th—6th grade and 7th—8th grade.

Entries will be judged by a panel of individuals representing the Paralyzed Veterans of America, paralyzed veterans, stakeholders who have a strong interest in our nation's veterans, as well as educators and leaders in Washington, DC. The grand prize winners—one student from the poster contest and one student from the essay contest—will receive an award plaque and an all-expense paid trip for the student accompanied by a parent or guardian to Washington, DC for Veterans Day 2009.

For contest rules, visit [www.thankyouveterans.org](http://www.thankyouveterans.org). If you have any questions regarding the contest, please email your questions to [postercontest@pva.org](mailto:postercontest@pva.org).