SEPTEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM PROMOTION

Dear Members,

Please be aware of an important update regarding the VFW Voice of Democracy Program. Beginning this year, Department Winners will no longer travel to Washington, DC. Instead, they will be awarded a trip to attend the Founding Forward Spirit of America Leadership Program in Valley Forge, PA. This event is designed as a powerful, in-person educational experience created solely for the students.

Please note: Members of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary are not invited to attend or participate in this trip. However, your support is greatly appreciated in encouraging students to take part in this outstanding opportunity. Promoting these programs helps increase participation and ensures that more students benefit from the Voice of Democracy experience.

In addition, we want to remind you of the VFW Auxiliary and Post Scholarship Programs for 2025–2026:

Voice of Democracy – A patriotic audio-essay competition open to high school students.

Patriot's Pen – An essay competition open to middle school students.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest & 3-Dimensional Art Contest – Open to high school students.



We encourage all members to share these opportunities within your communities, schools, and families. By doing so, you help inspire the next generation and ensure strong participation in these programs.

Thank you for your continued dedication and unwavering support for our uncommon heroes and their families.

With Faith, Trust and Pixie Dust Kemerley Gondek Scholarship Chair