

2009 Military Appreciation Month Essay Contest

Eligibility: All students attending public, private, or home schools in Escambia County during the 2008-2009 academic years are eligible to submit one entry in the 2009 Essay Contest.

Categories: Essays will be judged and prizes will be awarded in four categories.
Category I - Students in grades K -1;
Category II - Students in grades 2 - 5;
Category III - Students in grades 6 – 8;
Category IV – Students in grades 9 – 12.

Topics: Category I – Unit Insignia (copy the logo of a military ship, squadron, or other unit ...
or create your own!)
Category II – Who is your favorite military hero and why?
Category III – What is the most important impact the military has had on our country’s history?
Category IV – How can the community support the veterans returning from the Global War on Terrorism?

Format: Category I – Students will create a bookmark, no larger than 3 inches by 8 inches with their name and school printed on the back.
Categories II, III, IV – Students will write an essay using the guidelines of “Florida Writes!” There is no minimum or maximum word count.

Prizes: An Award Luncheon will be held at the Mustin Beach Officer’s Club on board NAS Pensacola on **Tuesday 12 May 2009 at 11:30 am**. Contest winners and one guest will be treated by the Military Appreciation Month Committee. Additional guests may purchase their lunch at the officer’s club. First, second, and third place winners in each category will receive certificates of achievement and U.S. Savings Bonds.

	<u>1st place</u>	<u>2nd place</u>	<u>3rd place</u>
Category I	\$150	\$100	\$50
Category II	\$150	\$100	\$75
Category III	\$250	\$100	\$75
Category IV	\$1000	\$450	\$400

Directions: Create your bookmark or essay.
Fill out, sign, and date the attached entry form.
Attach it to your bookmark/essay. Please put the Entry Form on top of your work.
Submit the entry form and your bookmark/essay to the Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce no later than **5:00 pm on Wednesday, 15 April 2009**. Late entries will not be judged.

Judges: A selection committee comprised of personnel from local military and civilian communities will judge all entries.

Notification: Winners will be notified in early May.

Bond beneficiaries: Winners be able to pick-up their U.S. Savings Bonds after the awards luncheon.
Details will be provided at the awards luncheon.