This year's theme:

"America – Land of the Free, Home of The Brave" - What this statement means to me.

Competition Rules:

- Competition is open to all students in Grades 9 12 who <u>reside</u> in Torrington. Student may be attending any school or Academy including, but not limited to, THS, OWTS, Torrington Christian Academy, home schooled
- Essay must be legible, no less than 400 and no more than 500 words, it will be judged on content, grammar, punctuation, and neatness, and must not contain any images or watermark.
- Entries are to be mailed to the address below or dropped of at the Veterans Service Office whose address is below also
- Deadline for dropping off submissions will be 3:00 PM Friday April 12, 2019 and mailed entries must be postmarked no later than that date.
- Judging will be done by members of Torrington Veterans Memorial Committee or their appointees. Decision of the Committee will be final
- All Essays submitted must include, at the bottom/end of the essay, the Submitter's Name, Address, telephone#, email Address (if available), Grade, and School/Academy, or home schooled noted
- The winner(s) may, and must agree to be recognized in Local Newspapers, Local radio and television programs and Torrington's Memorial Day Ceremony following the Parade
- If their essay is judged the Best the winner may, but is not obligated to, appear on Cable 5 Veteran View show and be an honored participant in Torrington's Memorial Day Parade. Also, the winner must provide their essay in a Microsoft Word document to the Committee, and allow their essay to be included in Ceremony Program, and it may appear in Local Newspapers and on Local radio and television programs
- First Prize will be \$100.00, Second Prize will be \$75.00, Third Prize will be \$50.00 and there will be one (1) Honorable Mention Award of a Handmade Pen (valued at \$25.00)

Address (if Essays are mailed)

Torrington Veterans Memorial Committee Attn: Essay Competition 2019 140 Main St Torrington, CT 06790

Essays may also be dropped off, in an envelope marked <u>Memorial Day Essay Competition</u> at the Veterans Service Office, in the former Fuessenich Park Field House (behind Torrington Amory & Doyle's Medical Supply) Call 860 489-2531 for Office hours and days of operation.