

2019-2020 GEORGE DIEM SAFETY ESSAY CONTEST

TO: Post Adjutants (Please give to your Safety Chairperson)
County Adjutants
Dept. Safety Committee

This will serve to announce the start of the 76th Annual American Legion, Department of New Jersey **GEORGE DIEM SAFETY ESSAY CONTEST**. This contest is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in public, private and parochial schools throughout New Jersey.

The deadline dates for the contest at the Post, County and Department levels are as follows:

The contest is to be started in each participating school immediately, as ALL essays must be in the hands of the POST Safety Essay Chairperson no later than **JANUARY 15, 2020**.

In turn, the Post Chairperson must forward his/her **First Place Winner, one (1) essay from each Post** (selected by at least three (3) judges to the COUNTY Safety Essay Chairman no later than **FEBRUARY 19, 2020**.

The County Chairperson must send his/her **First Place Winner, one (1) essay from each county, to the DEPARTMENT Safety Chairman. BUILDING #5, 171 JERSEY STREET TRENTON, NJ 08611. NO LATER THAN MARCH 9, 2020.**

DEPARTMENT JUDGING WILL BE HELD AT CLARK POST 328, 78 WESTFIELD AVENUE, CLARK, NEW JERSEY 07066, on MARCH 20, 2020 AT 1:00 PM.

THE DEPARTMENT DEADLINE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO !!!!!

(Post and County deadlines may be adjusted)

As in the past, the form for use in transmitting the winning essay must be used by the respective Post and County Chairman.

CONTEST RULES

At a meeting held on August 13, 2011 in Trenton, the Department Executive Committee approved the Recommendation of the Department Safety Committee to make the following amendment to Rule #4.

1. The contest must be conducted in the school classroom, under proper supervision of a member of the faculty.
2. The Essay shall be **NO LESS THAN 300 NOR MORE THAN 450 WORDS.**
3. The Essay must touch on the subject "**WHAT SAFETY MEANS TO ME.**"
4. That participants in the contest be allowed to use electronic devices such as word processor, computers or electronic typewriters. Hand written essays shall earn extra credit.
5. Neatness, penmanship and general appearance will be factors in the judging.
6. No name will appear on the contestant's paper. Instead, the writer's name will be placed in an envelope, to be identified by a number. This number **ONLY** will be placed on the essay. All envelopes will be opened after the judging is completed.

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