

The Armed Services YMCA
Is very proud to announce the

2010 ASYMCA Essay Contest!

“My Military Hero”

- ❖ Volunteers will be reading all of your essays and will award the 1st and 2nd favorites in each grade category with a U.S. Savings Bond!
- ❖ Children of all Active Duty or retired military personnel (with 20+ years of service) from Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force, Coast Guard and National Guard/Reserve families in first through twelfth grade are eligible to enter.
- ❖ **Grades 1-8 should write an essay of at least 100 words but not more than 300 words!**
- ❖ **Grades 9-12 should write no less than 300 words and no more than 500.**
- ❖ All mailed entries must have an essay entry form found in this packet and also at the ASYMCA website: www.asymca.org
- ❖ All entries must be postmarked by March 19, 2010.

Mail Entries to:

ASYMCA

Attn: Essay Contest

6359 Walker Lane, Suite 200

Alexandria, VA 22310

- ❖ Email Entries may be sent to tharper@asymca.org by March 19, 2010. Entries must include all the information that is on the entry form!
- ❖ If you have any questions at all please feel free to call (703) 313-9600, ext 106 or email tharper@asymca.org

All of the Essays become property of the Armed Services YMCA and will not be returned.

Visit the Armed Services YMCA website at www.asymca.org for complete rules and extra entry forms.



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'My Military Hero'

Armed Services YMCA Essay Contest 2010 Entry Form

Due to the fact that some of your entries may be used for display and publicity purposes, all information must be attributable to the author. This form must accompany all entries and must be filled out completely (either typed or printed). Entries submitted via email must contain ALL of the information requested below. Incomplete forms will automatically disqualify your essay and it will not be accepted.

Contestant's name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone (must include area/country code): _____

Military parent's rank and name: _____

Other parent's name: _____

Parent's Work Phone: _____ Parent's Email: _____

Military branch (please circle):

Army Navy Marines Air Force Coast Guard National
Guard/Reserves

Co-sponsored by Lockheed Martin, the essay contest promotes reading and writing among **dependents of active duty or Reserve/Guard military personnel**. One \$500 first place and one \$100 second place bond will be awarded in each grade category 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8. Students in two high school categories, 9/10 and 11/12, will be awarded \$1,000 bonds for first place, and \$200 bonds for second place. In addition, there are two \$100 bonds for essays of honorable mention. Students are asked to write about "My Military Hero". The essay can focus on any person who is/has served in the US military. As an example, the essay could be about a parent, sibling, son/daughter, grandfather, etc. They could have been an Army cook during Korea, an Ensign in WW2, a medic in Vietnam or a truck driver in the Gulf. As long as the individual served in the US military the student can write about them.

This is a contest; not a book report. **Grab our attention!** Grades eight and below should submit entries with a minimum of 100 words and maximum of 300 words. High school students' (9-12) entries should be no less than 300 words and no more than 500 words.

For additional information, visit the Armed Services YMCA web site at www.asymca.org, or call 703-313-9600 ext. 106. Email questions may be sent to tharper@asymca.org.

Deadline for entering is Friday, March 19, 2010. All entries must be postmarked no later than this date. However, entries will not be accepted before November 1, 2009. Email entries to: tharper@asymca.org.

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