



Jaffrey Memorial VFW Post 5613 Announces Patriot's Pen Essay Contest District five Winner

Jaffrey Memorial VFW Post 5613 is pleased to announce that Natalie Bergstrom, a seventh grade student at Wilton/Lyndeborough Cooperative Middle School is the District five first-place winner of the VFW's 2021-2022 Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. Natalie who was sponsored by VFW Jaffrey Memorial Post 5613 and its Auxiliary in Jaffrey NH wrote her winning essay based on this year's theme, "How Can I Be a Good American"

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. The national winners will receive at least \$500. The first place national award is currently \$5,000.

As one of New Hampshire's five district winners Natalie is a finalist in the state competition and will attend the Department of NH VFW Scholastic Banquet in January at the Ashworth by the Sea where the State winner will be announced. The State winner is then advanced to the National competition and will compete with students from around the nation for the grand prize of \$5000.00.

Congratulations Natalie!

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