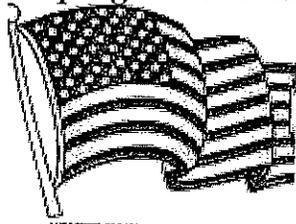


We wish to thank all who attended the Annual Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Awards Dinner today and by doing so honor these great young Americans. Your presence here has made this event a huge success. We would also like to thank the students for their participation in our contest's and hope it has been a rewarding and learning experience. We also hope, if qualified, they participate again next year.

Davis Greene
State Commander

Rose Angelicola
State Auxiliary President

The 2020-2021 program themes are not available yet.



*MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU AND MAY HE
CONTINUE TO BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA*

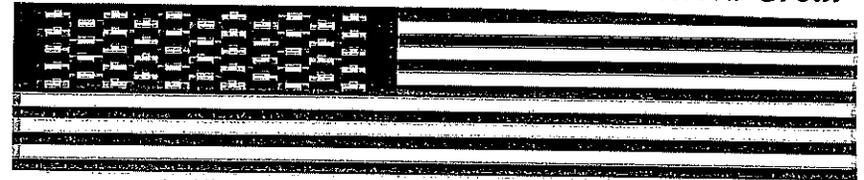


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*ANNUAL VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND
PATRIOT'S PEN AWARDS DINNER
JANUARY 12, 2020*

This year's themes were "What Makes America Great"



*IN THE GRAND BALLROOM OF THE ROCKY HILL
SHERATON HOTEL 100 CAPITAL BLVD
ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT*

PROGRAM

Welcome Richard DiFederico
State VOD and P/P Chairman

Invocation Stanley Borusiewicz
State VFW Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance Michael Montecalvo
Captain of the VFW State Color Guard

Our National Anthem - Sung by Carolyn Grusse, VFW Aux. Soloist

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Richard DiFederico - Master of Ceremonies and State VOD and P/P Chmn.

DINNER

Introduction of the Guests for Their Remarks

Maureen Ducat State Auxiliary VOD & P/P Chairman

Carol Preston National Council Member CT & RI VFW Auxiliary

Richard DiFederico National Council Mber, Connecticut & VOD & P/P Chmn
Letter from Thomas Saadi, CT Veterans Administration Commissioner

Rose Angelicola State Auxiliary President

David Greene VFW State Commander

Duane Sarmiento. The Inspector General
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND WINNING SCRIPTS

Announcement of the VFW Teacher of the Year Awards By:
John Kennedy - Chairman State Teachers Program

Richard DiFederico P/P Awards VFW & VOD & P/P Chairman
Maureen Ducat P/P Awards VFW Auxiliary VOD & P/P Chairman

David Greene VOD Awards State Commander
Rose Angelicola VOD Awards State Auxiliary President

Benediction Deborah Breault State Auxiliary Chaplain

District Winners

District One Voice of Democracy Rebecca Depietro
Sponsored by: Post 9460 & Auxiliary Stratford

District Two Voice of Democracy Tina Zhang
Sponsored by: Post 10052 Cheshirec

District Three Voice of Democracy Ayushman Choudhury *
Sponsored by: Post 10689 Ellington

District Four Voice of Democracy Ayla Taylor Robichaud
Sponsored by: Post and Auxiliary 10004 Jewett City

District Five Voice of Democracy Emalyn Osborne
Sponsored by: Post & Auxiliary 7330 Oakville

District Six Voice of Democracy Rebecca Kavanaugh
Sponsored by: Post & Auxiliary 9918 Clinton

District One Patriot's Pen Alexa Kemmer
Sponsored by: Post & Auxiliary 308 Newtown

District Two Patriot's Pen Nathaniel Kerr
Sponsored by: Post & Auxiliary 7666 Guilford

District Three Patriot's Pen Patrick Kot
Sponsored by: Post 10732 Berlin

District Four Patriot's Pen Alexis Graddock
Sponsored by: Post 1467 Lyme - Old Lyme

District Five Patriot's Pen Sara Dishnica
Sponsored by: Post & Auxiliary 7330 Oakville

District Six Patriot's Pen Jonah Keithan
Sponsored by: Post & Auxiliary 10690 Higganum - Haddaun