



**VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**  
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

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*For Immediate Release*

*Veterans Memorial Park Foundation Announces  
Memorial Day Essay Contest*

The Veterans Memorial Park Foundation of Pensacola is pleased to announce an essay contest for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. Students in public, private, or home-school settings are eligible to participate. Essay flyers and entry forms are available at [www.veteransmemorialparkpensacola.com](http://www.veteransmemorialparkpensacola.com) Essays are due by May 15<sup>th</sup> and winning essayists in each grade will be awarded a \$50 gift card. Winners will be recognized at the May 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park in Pensacola.

“During Memorial Day ceremonies, we often hear speeches about those who have ‘made the ultimate sacrifice’ but often we don’t really think about what that means,” said retired Navy Captain Lee Hansen, the Foundation’s 2019 Essay Contest Coordinator. “This year, we’re asking local students to write about what that phrase means – and why we should honor those who have made that sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy.”

The annual essay contest is just one way the Foundation completes its mission of educating the community about the sacrifice of those memorialized in the park. The all-volunteer Foundation also hosts ceremonies for both Memorial Day and Veterans Day. They provide presentations and assistance to military groups who visit the Park during reunions and other gatherings. They raise funds to pay for the upkeep of the Park and all the monuments contained in the park. “Of course, the members of the Foundation and volunteers also pitch in and do a lot of the work themselves,” adds Hansen.

To find out how you can help support the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation – or how you can participate in the Memorial Day Essay Contest – visit <https://veteransmemorialparkpensacola.com> or contact Ms. Lee Hansen at 850-434-6119.

The Veterans Memorial Park Foundation Pensacola is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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**ANNOUNCING THE 2019 MEMORIAL DAY  
ESSAY CONTEST**

for students in grades 3—12 in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties

**EACH YEAR ON MEMORIAL DAY WE HONOR PEOPLE  
WHO HAVE  
“MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR OUR COUNTRY.”  
WHAT *IS* “THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE”  
AND WHY IS IT RIGHT TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE  
MADE IT?  
HOW SHOULD WE HONOR THEM?**

Entries due by May 15, 2019. Winning essayists will receive a \$50 gift card.

Please see application form for details.



Print, complete, and mail  
this entry form and one-  
page essay to:

VMPF  
PO Box 12984  
Pensacola, FL 32591-2984



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Entries must be received by

May 15th, 2019!

## 2019 Memorial Day Essay Contest Entry Form

Student's Name:

Parent or Guardian's Name:

Contact Information:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Student's School/Grade/Teacher's Name:

### Contest Rules

1. Students must attend school in Escambia or Santa Rosa Counties (public, private, home)
2. Only one entry (this form + the essay) per student.
3. Parent/Guardian must sign the entry form.
4. Students must write a one-page essay about what the "the ultimate sacrifice" means, why it is right to honor those who have made it, and how we should honor them. Essays should be one full page long.
5. All entries will be reviewed Board members and friends of the VMPF
6. One winning essay will be chosen for each grade level. Winning essayists will be awarded a \$50 gift card and will be invited to the Memorial Day Ceremony to be recognized.
7. For more information, contact Essay Contest Coordinator, Lee Hansen, at 850.434.6119

I have read and understand the rules.

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_