



## **2024 Susquehanna Chapter, MOAA Veterans Day Poster Contest**

The Veterans Day Poster Contest provides students in Harford County public, private and homeschools an opportunity to express their thoughts about Veterans through art. The contest is presented by the Susquehanna Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.

### **2024 Poster Theme**

“Honoring Veterans”

Our Country honors Veterans in many different ways, from expressions of thanks and gratitude to parades, award ceremonies, and other public recognition. Other ways to honor Veterans include programs that provide health care and education for them or family members, and ceremonies that commemorate their service and sacrifice. Participants will demonstrate the theme “Honoring Veterans” through their original artwork.

### **Poster Categories:**

The contest is open to public, private or homeschool students at the elementary and middle school levels in Harford County, Maryland:

- Grades K - 2
- Grades 3 - 5

### **Rules, Submission, and Judging**

- Only one entry per student. There is no entry fee to participate.
- Any media may be used, including paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper, etc. Posters may contain family photographs or photographs taken by the student, but may not contain magazine or newspaper illustrations.
- All posters must be the student’s original creation and may not be traced from photographs or other artists’ published work. No trademarked or copyrighted images or phrases may be used.
- Create a title for the poster. The title of the poster must be included on the front side of each poster submission to be eligible.
- Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from an adult, each student should do their own work. Note: Entries with student handwriting and artwork will score better than those designed, drawn, and colored by adult assistance.
- Posters may be created in one of two formats but must be submitted digitally:
  - Physical poster, horizontal or vertical, measuring not larger than 22” by 24” (standard size poster board).
  - Digital poster, using any standard software that can be opened on a Windows platform.
- All posters must be submitted electronically in JPEG or PDF format.

- Physical posters should be photographed or scanned into JPEG format for submission. Photographs must be clear and well-framed.
- Each digital file should be named in the following format: Grade Level\_First Name\_Last Name of the student. (Example: Grade 4 John Doe)
- Each poster must be submitted with an entry form to be eligible for judging. The form must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian.
- Entries must be submitted by October 20, 2024.
- The judging panel may include representatives from MOAA, educators, and community members.
- Entries will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
  - Theme, 25%
  - Personal Expression, 25%
  - Craftmanship, 25%
  - Visual appeal and clarity, 25%

### **To Enter the Contest**

- Complete the 2024 MOAA Veterans Day Poster Contest Entry Form that can be downloaded from Susquehanna Chapter MOAA website at <https://www.moaasusquehanna.org/contest>
- Completed contest entry forms and digital posters in JPEG format should be emailed to [moaapostercontest@gmail.com](mailto:moaapostercontest@gmail.com)
- All entries must be received by October 20, 2024.

All artists, including the winners, will retain the rights to their work. Entry in the contest constitutes full permission to publish names and photos of winners and their art without further compensation. The determination of eligibility of entries and any interpretation of these rules is at the sole discretion of the Essay Contest Committee of the Susquehanna Chapter, Military Officers Association of America. Decisions shall be final and binding upon all entrants.

Appropriate accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Please let us know of any special needs by emailing [moaapostercontest@gmail.com](mailto:moaapostercontest@gmail.com).

### **Prizes & Recognition**

The top three posters in each grade category will receive monetary prizes. First place winners will receive \$50, second place winners will receive \$35, and third place winners will receive \$25. Winners will also receive a special challenge coin. Monetary prizes are sponsored by Anderson Buick GMC of Abingdon. Every participant will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Posters will be displayed, and winners recognized at an award ceremony hosted by the Susquehanna Chapter of MOAA on November 8, 2024. Winning posters will also be forwarded to the Military Officers Association of America for consideration to be published in their monthly national magazine. Local news media outlets may also publish the winning or other posters.