



Student Guidance For: D-Day Memorial Art Contest

Sponsored by: Monumental Honor (a Richmond-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit), the Virginia War Memorial & the West Point Society of Richmond

PURPOSE: To commemorate the bravery and selfless sacrifice of Richmond's Medal of Honor (MOH) Recipients, educate students about the values they represent, and inspire the community to appreciate and carry forward those values.

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1. Highlight the story of the three Recipients who earned their MOH during World War II:
 - a. Jimmie Monteith (U.S. Army)
 - b. Ernest Dervishian (U.S. Army)
 - c. George Street (U.S. Navy)
2. Connect with local students in a way that draws attention to the MOH and the values it represents.
3. Educate and inspire Richmonders with stories of these hometown heroes.

ART CONTEST THEME: Students shall use art to highlight the values represented by the Medal of Honor while showcasing local Richmond Recipients who earned the Medal during World War II. The Recipients are Jimmie Monteith (Thomas Jefferson HS), Ernest Dervishian (John Marshall HS), and George Street (St. Christophers HS).

GUIDELINES: Using a medium chosen by the artist, create a work of art that depicts a local MOH Recipient's actions and reflects one (or more) of the values of courage, integrity, commitment, sacrifice, citizenship, and patriotism.

1. Students aged 13 and up (as of June 6, 2024) are eligible.
2. Each entry must be reviewed and endorsed by a parent or Art Teacher on the enclosed Permission Slip.
3. The art must be in displayable form, indoors at the War Memorial. All dimensions of artwork must be less than 24 inches (length, width, & depth).
4. On the back of the artwork (or on a tag), each student must list their name, age, and school name.
5. Students must submit a completed Art Contest permission slip (See Enclosure).
6. A short narrative may accompany each work of art.

FEATURES OF THE CONTEST:

1. Students can deliver artwork to the War Memorial between May 18-31, 2024.
2. A panel of judges will grade each submission and award the following prizes:
 - a. 1st Place: \$500; 2nd Place: \$250; 3rd Place: \$100



Enclosure: Student Permission Slip

DISCLOSURE:

If my student's artwork is accepted for the Monumental Honor Art Contest, I permit the artwork to be framed and displayed at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond on June 6, 2024. While every effort will be made to ensure the safety of the artwork, it is understood and agreed that neither the War Memorial nor Monumental Honor will be held responsible for any damage to or loss of the artwork. I understand that, after June 6, 2024, the artwork will be available for pickup. If not retrieved by June 30, Monumental Honor can dispose of the art at their discretion.

Parent or Art Teacher Signature and printed name (required)

STUDENT INFORMATION (please print LEGIBLY and fill in all blanks)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Age: _____

Grade Level: _____

School: _____

Title of Artwork (must have a title): _____

For questions, please contact:
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IMPORTANT: A completed Permission Slip must accompany the artwork to be eligible for judging. Artwork without a completed Permission Slip will not be included in the competition.