



## **Bandon VFW and Bandon Veterans' Memorial Committee**

### **Sponsors**

#### **The Bill Smith "*Stories from the Wall*" Scholarship A scholarship opportunity for Bandon High School Seniors**

The VFW Frank C. High Medal of Honor Post 3440 and the Bandon Veterans' Committee will award a \$ 1000 scholarship to a Bandon High School senior. The scholarship is honoring Bill Smith, a living Bandon High School graduate who spearheaded the design and building of the Bandon Veterans' Memorial in Bandon City Park. The granting of the scholarship will be based on an essay or audio/video contest. The inputs will be judged by the VFW and the student selected will be awarded a \$1000 scholarship. The scholarship will be applied to the winning student's school fund.

The essays/presentations will be based on the theme "Stories from the wall". The student shall select one person whose name appears on the Bandon Veterans Memorial Wall in the Bandon City Park. The student can write an essay up to 1000 words telling the "story" of that person. The student can define "story" in any way they choose. Photos and attachments can be included with the essay. Students can also choose to develop a 4-6 minute audio or video presentation. Applications with essays or presentations must be submitted to the VFW point of contact no later than July 31, 2024.

Note: Starting January 2025, we will send out applications for submissions by January 15 with inputs needed no later than April 30.

VFW point of contact is: Donnie G Wise  
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### **Judging Criteria**

1. **Theme Knowledge:** Student shows knowledge of theme and use of research.
2. **Theme Development:** Students answers relevant facts- who, what, when, where, and why. Relates to the student's own experiences. (Stays near the 1000 word limit)



3. **Clarity of Ideas:** Student provides a clear explanation of their interpretation of the theme.
4. **Creativity:** Student is creative in developing the essay or presentation theme.

Student Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (inc City, State, & Zip):

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Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (Guardian) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (Guardian) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (Guardian) Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (Guardian) Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## General Rules

- Students must write their own essay or develop their own presentation
- Essays must be typed and can include color or graphics, and attachments are allowed
- The essay/presentation must be student's original work and a product of their own thinking