This year's theme:

## 'What Can We Do to Remember and Honor Our POWs and MIAs'

Competition Rules:

- Competition is open to all students in Grades 9 12 who <u>reside</u> in Torrington. Student may be attending any school or Academy including, but not limited to, THS, OWTS, Torrington Christian Academy, home schooled
- Essay must be no less than 400 and no more than 500 words
- Essays will be judged on content, grammar, punctuation, and neatness
- Entries are to mailed to the address below or dropped of at the Veterans Service Office whose address is below also
- Deadline for submission will be 3:00PM Friday April 25, 2014 and mailed entries must be postmarked no later than that date
- Judging will be done by members of Torrington Veterans Support Committee or their appointees. Decision of the Committee will be final
- All Essays submitted must include, at the bottom/end of the essay, the Submitter's Name, Address, telephone#, email Address (if available), Grade, and School/Academy ,or home schooled noted
- the winner(s) may, but are not obligated to
  - appear on Cable 5 Veteran View show
  - o be an honored participant in Torrington's Memorial Day Parade
- the winner(s) may, and must agree to,
  - o be recognized in
    - Local Newspapers
    - Local radio and television programs
    - Torrington's Memorial Day Ceremony following the Parade
  - If their essay is judged the Best allow their essay to
    - be included in Ceremony Program and may appear in Local Newspapers and on Local radio and television programs
- First Prize will be \$100.00, Second Prize will be \$75.00, Third Prize will be \$50.00 and there will be one (1) Honorable Mention Award of a Handmade Pen (valued at \$37.00)

Address (if Essays are mailed)

Torrington Veterans Support Committee

Attn: Essay Competition 2014

140 Main St

Torrington, CT 06790

Essays may be dropped off, in an envelope marked <u>Memorial Day Essay Competition</u> at the Veterans Service Office, in the former Fuessenich Park Field House (behind Torrington Amory & Doyle's Medical Supply) Call 860 489-2531 for days and times of operation