

# 'My Military Hero'

## Armed Services YMCA Essay Contest 2012 Entry Form

**Due to the fact that some of your entries may be used for display and publicity purposes, all information must be attributable to the author. This form must accompany all entries and must be filled out completely (either typed or printed). Entries submitted via email must contain ALL of the information requested below. Incomplete forms will automatically disqualify your essay and it will not be accepted.**

Contestant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (must include area/country code): \_\_\_\_\_

Military parent's rank and name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Military branch (please circle):

Army

Navy

Marines

Air Force

Coast Guard

National  
Guard/Reserves

Co-sponsored by Lockheed Martin, the essay contest promotes reading and writing among **dependents of active duty or Reserve/Guard military personnel**. One \$500 first place and one \$100 second place bond will be awarded in each grade category 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8. Students in two high school categories, 9/10 and 11/12, will be awarded \$1,000 bonds for first place, and \$200 bonds for second place. In addition, there are two \$100 bonds for essays of honorable mention. Students are asked to write about "My Military Hero". The essay can focus on any person who is/has served in the US military. As an example, the essay could be about a parent, sibling, son/daughter, grandfather, etc. They could have been an Army cook during Korea, an Ensign in WW2, a medic in Vietnam or a truck driver in the Gulf. As long as the individual served in the US military the student can write about them.

This is a contest; not a book report. **Grab our attention!** Grades eight and below should submit entries with a minimum of 100 words and maximum of 300 words. High school students' (9-12) entries should be no less than 300 words and no more than 500 words.

For additional information, visit the Armed Services YMCA web site at [www.asymca.org](http://www.asymca.org), or Email questions may be sent to [tharper@asymca.org](mailto:tharper@asymca.org).

**Deadline for entering is Friday, March 16, 2012.** All entries must be postmarked no later than this date. However, entries **will not** be accepted before November 1, 2011. Email entries to: [tharper@asymca.org](mailto:tharper@asymca.org).

Mail entries to:  
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Attn: Essay Contest  
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