



Paralyzed Veterans of America

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Four Pennsylvania students earn high honors in national veterans contest

Cameron Serra Peretti, a third grade student at Edgewood Primary School in the Woodland Hills School District in Allegheny County, is the national grand prize winner in the Poster category of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) Poster and Poem Contest.

Three other Pennsylvania students have won top honors as category winners in the contest.

Abhinav Muvva, a third-grader in the Hampden Elementary School of the Cumberland Valley School District in Cumberland County, is the winner of the 3rd/4th Grade Poster category.

Brooke Stoeff, who is in the 8th grade at the Charles A. Huston Middle School in the Burrell School District in Westmoreland County, won in the 7th/8th Grade Poem category.

Jack Rosensteel, a 5th grader at Fort Allen Elementary School in Westmoreland County's Hempfield Area School District, is the winner in the 5th/6th Grade Poem category.

Paralyzed Veterans of America's Keystone Chapter, which serves paralyzed veterans in Pennsylvania, administered the contest to interested schools, both public and private, in Pennsylvania. Teachers in those schools forwarded the entries to the national Paralyzed Veterans office in Washington, D. C., where they were judged. The theme of the contest for the 2017-18 school year is "The Love of Country – Veterans' Pride."

The Keystone Chapter is currently working with the schools to schedule awards presentations to the students.

Cameron Peretti resides in Edgewood, Allegheny County, and her parents are Allison Serra and Mark Peretti. Her teacher is the coordinator of his school's gifted program, Jill Kerestury.

Abihinav Muvva's parents are Venkat and Sirisha Muvva, who reside in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County. His class teacher is Mrs. Kelly Emerick and his art teacher is Mrs. Amy Kovach.

Brooke Stoeff resides in Lower Burrell, Westmoreland County. Her parents are Jerry and Sabrina Stoeff and her teacher is Jacklyn Prather.

Jack Rosensteel's parents are Chad and Melissa Rosensteel of Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County. His teacher is Mrs. Patricia Critchlow.

The chairman of the Keystone Chapter's share of the national contest, Robert Morris of Grindstone, Fayette County, Pa., said that the largest group of entries for the contest comes through the Keystone Chapter.

"We have many talented, patriotic youngsters and dedicated, energetic teachers and principals," Morris said. "And we would certainly welcome even more entrants when the contest opens again in September 2018."

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