

Kudos

To **Winburn eighth-graders** who swept the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest sponsored by VFW Post 680. This year's theme for the middle school competition was "Why we should honor veterans." **Rebecca Schladt's** essay placed first, **Dustin Doss** earned second place, and **Cole McCarty** and **Samantha Kinchen** tied for third. They received savings bonds of \$150, \$100 and \$50, respectively, and all will be honored at a VFW dinner this winter. In addition, Rebecca's essay advanced to the VFW's 10th District contest, where the winner moves on to statewide competition.