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North Dorchester Middle School Students Win VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

Forty-eight NDMS students in Mrs. Lomax's eighth grade Social Studies classes participated in the **VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest**. The topic of this year's essay was **"Are You Proud of Your Country?"** The contest consists of four levels. The first level (entry) was sponsored by the **Cambridge VFW**. All three winners at the local level were from NDMS. They were: **1st place Taylor Bradley, 2nd place Jared Feldman, and 3rd place Austin Loeffler**. All three winners advanced to the **VFW District (regional) Level**. At the District level all three winners again claimed the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. **The 1st place winner, Taylor Bradley**, has advanced to the Department (State) level. If Taylor wins at this level, she will compete in the National VFW Competition representing Maryland.

Mrs. Darlene Handley, President of the VFW Auxiliary, presented monetary awards and medals to all three winners for their achievements. The presentation was broadcast on the morning announcements so the whole school could participate in the honoring of our students. **We all wish Taylor the best of luck at the Department Level.**



Valerie Lomax, Teacher; Taylor Bradley, Darlene Handley, President, Cambridge VFW Auxiliary; Vaughn Evans, Principal; Austin Loeffler, and Jared Feldman