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American Legion Auxiliary Adolph Pfister Unit 1038 is pleased to announce the winner of the Americanism Essay Contest

Nationally, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an annual Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. Students of the various grade levels are divided into six classes.

The contest begins at local ALA units, your American Legion Auxiliary Adolph Pfister Unit 1038 in Valhalla, to provide this opportunity to students. This year's essay topic was "*What does patriotism mean to you?*"

We are very pleased to announce the following winners:

First prize for Class V - Anna (Katie) Chong

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First prize for Class III - Zoe Carman

Congratulations!

The essays have now been submitted to compete at the state level: American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York. First place winners of the ALA Department of New York competition go on to compete at the national level. There is one award in each of the six classes presented to five divisions: (eastern, southern, western, northwestern & central.)

A special thank you to Valhalla High School Counseling Director Meghan Jacobsen, Valhalla High School Teacher Kerry Dinsmore, and Valhalla Middle School Teacher Meghan Sarvaideo for helping to facilitate the entries at the two schools. We wish Katie and Zoe good luck as they continue in the competition!

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