

**Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
**School Release Form**  
**Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Competition**  
**2023 - 2024**

In the event that student \_\_\_\_\_ is selected as a District **First Place Winner** and entered into the 2023-2024 Department of Michigan Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Program to be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan, January 25 – 28, 2024.

We are requesting that the above named student will be excused from all school/sport activities on Friday January 26, 2024 and Saturday January 27, 2024, without penalty. This signed release is to confirm a mutual understanding between the school and the District First Place Winner, and the student, parents or legal guardian, on attending the Department of Michigan Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Program.

Activities in the Kalamazoo area will be planned for Friday January 26, 2024.

Mike Martin  
Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Director  
Department of Michigan  
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Principal

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Student

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian

VFW District Chairperson please attach release form along with other mandatory materials to Department Director.