

**Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227
And The Memorial Day Writers' Project**

Announce the 21st Annual (2016 – 2017 Academic Year)

Vince Kaspar Prizes
For Excellence in the Arts

Two first prizes of \$250 will be awarded.

One First Prize will be awarded for a Poem of any length, style, or subject.
Judges include professional writers from the sponsoring organizations.

One First Prize will be awarded for a work of Visual Art of any size or medium. Judges include professional artists from the local art community.

Second and third prizes in each category are \$150 and \$100.

Eligibility: All high school juniors and seniors who reside or attend school in Arlington and Fairfax counties, the Town of Vienna and the cities of Falls Church, Alexandria, and Fairfax.

Submission of Entries: Mail entries to the Vince Kaspar Prizes for Excellence in the Arts, c/o VVA Chapter 227, P.O. Box 5653, Arlington, Va., 22205. **For poetry**, please provide two copies of your work. To facilitate a "blind judging" put your *identifiers* of: Name, Home Address, Telephone Number, E-mail Address, School Attended, and whether a Junior or Senior, **on one copy only**. **For art**, you can submit one or two copies, but put your *identifiers* on a separate sheet of paper for each entry, not on the art work. Please specify the medium used for producing each art work. Art entries may be submitted electronically via a CD or a DVD or thumb drive. An electronic entry should have the identifier on the jewel case or a separate piece of paper, **not** on or in the electronic medium. *Failure to follow identifier instructions may disqualify your entry*. Each contestant may submit a **reasonable** number of entries.

Deadline: Postmarked no later than Saturday, February 28, 2017. Prizes will be awarded at the VVA Chapter 227 meeting on the evening of Thursday, May 18, 2017. Poetry winners (including Honorable Mentions) are expected to read their poetry at the ceremony. Winning artists are expected to discuss their work and their entries will be displayed at the ceremony.

FAQ are available at www.vva227.org

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