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Commissaries help promote Constitution Day Contest

By DeCA Corporate Communication

FORT LEE, Va. – For the third straight year, the Defense Commissary Agency has joined several other organizations promoting the annual Constitution Day Poster Contest, which awards prizes to youths in grades K-12.

Posters providing contest details will be displayed in commissaries worldwide to highlight Constitution Day, Sept. 17, which serves to raise awareness among children about the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, voting rights and the need to preserve liberties.

“As a DoD agency we’re proud to be part of an effort to help our young people learn more about our Constitution,” said DeCA Director and CEO Joseph H. Jeu. “This is a good time for everyone, regardless of age, to take some time to learn more about the document that forms the foundation of our country.”

Children can participate in the contest by designing a poster showing what the Constitution means to them. Winning posters will be used to publicize and celebrate Constitution Day. Entries must be postmarked by Oct. 1, and information on contest requirements and awards can be found by going to <http://www.constitutionfacts.com>. Competition categories are grouped by grades. One winner in each category will be awarded a \$50 savings bond, and the grand prize winner will also receive a bicentennial coin set.

The contest is sponsored by Constitutionfacts.com, which publishes “The U.S. Constitution and Fascinating Facts About It.” Since 2008, Constitutionfacts.com has teamed with the Gov Doc Kids Group, a national organization that promotes better understanding and use of federal information and publications for students.

Constitution Day is observed nationally Sept. 17, the anniversary of the day that the members of the Constitutional Convention met for the last time and signed the Constitution in 1787. In 2004, the government established it as a federal observance.

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