



1 August 2026

Dear Participant,

Thank you for your entry into this year's Patriots Pen or Voice of Democracy. I wish the best in your entry. Now that you have worked diligently on your entry, you need to know how to submit it. This letter will explain the action for that submission.

First place all required documents (application, submission and support instruments) into a sealed envelope and mail or hand carry your entry to the post. Mail or hand carry the envelope to:

VFW Post 280
3669 Legion Lane
Columbia, Mo 65201

All applications must be received by 31 October 2026 for consideration for this year's contest.

If you have any questions about your entry, don't hesitate to contact me and I will be glad to assist or answer any concerns you might have. My contact information is as follows:

Larry Schlueter
3669 Legion Lane
Columbia, MO 65201
Or
Phone: 660 -888-5449

Once again good luck,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Larry Schlueter", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Larry Schlueter
Senior Vice Commander
VFW Post 280