



# AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS FOUNDATION 2025 Past is Prologue Essay Contest



Details and Application: [www.abmf.org](http://www.abmf.org)

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Essay deadline is April 27, 2025. Early submissions encouraged.

Age group: 16-18

1st Prize: \$10,000 2nd Prize: \$5,000 3rd Prize: \$2,500

Age group: 13-15

1st Prize: \$10,000 2nd Prize: \$5,000 3rd Prize: \$2,500

Age group: 11-12

1st Prize: \$5,000 2nd Prize: \$2,500 3rd Prize: \$1,500

*Are you interested in American history? Do you think about how global events relate to your life? Do you need an extra- credit assignment?*

**Choose of these topics and explore how the sacrifice and service of those who fought in WWII is relevant in your life today.**



**A Day in the Life on December 7, 1941,  
Pearl Harbor, HI**

Choose one individual to write about:

- Battleship Captain
- Ship's Cook
- Army Air Corps Pilot
- Radar Operator

Reflect on lessons we may learn from the events at Pearl Harbor.



**The WWII Battle of Midway,  
June 4-7, 1942**

Midway Atoll, 1,300 miles northwest of Hawaii, was vital during WWII as a refueling point and became the site of a pivotal U.S.-Japan battle. Despite Japan's superior fleet and experienced pilots, U.S. cryptographers uncovered their strategy, leading to a decisive American victory. What lessons can we learn from Midway's impact on morale, strategy, and leadership?

The American Battle Monuments Foundation is the non-profit partner of the American Battle Monuments Commission, the U.S. agency responsible for all 26 American military cemeteries and 31 monuments overseas. Nearly 234,000 American service men and women are buried or memorialized (remains missing) at ABMC hallowed sites.

