

*** LESSONS OF LEADERSHIP CONTEST ***

Hometown Heroes – Honoring Our Community

* **Guidelines:** We often recognize and honor figures of national prominence who have made a difference for our country. Yet, there are many individuals in our local communities who have had a sizable influence on our towns, cities, and states. These people are from all different eras and backgrounds: It's the educator who your school is named after who opened it back in the 1800s. It's the World War II veteran who fought for our country and has resided in your town for the past 50 years. It's the past mayor of your city or town who was the driving force behind modernizing where you live. It's the nurse or doctor who has been on the front lines this past year tirelessly doing life-saving work in their field. **Hometown Heroes** are all around us—even if sometimes we don't realize it—and it's time to honor their legacies.

The NHC encourages student members to select a figure (local or state-wide) and examine how that person's actions helped make a lasting and positive impact on history. We strongly encourage students to look for unique figures who may not be known to the general population. Contest entries can be submitted in any three of the following formats:

* **An essay** of not more than 2,000 words, supplemented with a thorough bibliography and endnotes. Entries may be submitted in either of the following forms: 1) Microsoft Word document or 2) PDF document.

* **A documentary or PowerPoint presentation** that reflects your ability to communicate your figure's importance, and also helps you develop skills in using photographs, video, graphic presentations, etc. Documentaries should not exceed more than 10 minutes, and sources used should be credited in an annotated bibliography.

* **A website** that reflects your ability to use website design software and computer technology to communicate how your historical figure influenced history. Your website should be an interactive experience with a collection of web pages, interconnected with hyperlinks, that presents primary and secondary sources and interactive multimedia.

Entries must be received by April 10, 2021 and can be emailed to **Bob Nasson** at rnasson@nationalhistoryclub.org (please type "Lessons of Leadership" in the subject line). Submissions are judged by the NHC Advisory Board and winners will be announced at the end of April.

Awards:

First Place - \$1,000
Second Place - \$500 (one prize)
Third Place - \$250 (two prizes)