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Students write about their heroes

PUEBLO, Colo.— Medal of Honor recipients, Tom Kelley and Bob Patterson, president and vice president respectively of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society will be in attendance at the 9th annual Home of Heroes essay contest sponsored by the Pueblo Home of Heroes and the Pueblo City-County Library District. The awards ceremony for the winners is Monday, April 3 at 7 p.m., at the Rawlings Library, Ryals Room-4th floor, 100 E. Abriendo Ave. The event is free and the public is invited to attend.

Students in grades 4-12 were invited to write an essay on the following question: "Which of the living Medal of Honor recipients would you most like to meet and why? What questions would you ask them and why?"

There were a total of 414 entries - 247 elementary school level, 66 middle school level and 101 high school level. The following guidelines were required: All entries must be typed; Elementary School level – grades 4 and 5; 300-500 words; Middle School level – grades 6–8; 400-700 words; High School level – grades 9–12; 500-1,000 words.

The Pueblo Home of Heroes Association and Pueblo City-County Library District wish to thank teachers and parents for encouraging their students and children to participate in this essay contest. It was clear to the judges that the contest achieved its purpose of encouraging students to look at the stories of many Medal of Honor recipients and find a story that was special to them. Many of these

heroes will be in Pueblo in September 2017 for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society Convention. All 2016 and 2017 contest winners, plus a guest, will be invited to a welcoming breakfast with the Medal of Honor recipients on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017.

A list of the winners is included as an attachment to this press release.

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