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KEMPER MEMORIAL PARK CONTEST 2017

Richard Kemper graduated from MHS and he, along with 100 other residents, fought and died in World War II. His name is one of the names on the memorial in the park named after him. To honor Richard Kemper and the other men and women who have served their country, the **Kemper Memorial Park Preservation Fund** is sponsoring this contest.

There will be four prizes: **\$250 for each of the FOUR top entries.** Winning entries will be presented at a special Memorial Day event held at the high school around Memorial Day.

ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH.

Question:

"Without heroes, we are all plain people and don't know how far we can go."

- Bernard Malamud

How does service to country allow the ordinary man or woman to become heroic?

Options:

This year, the Kemper Memorial Park Contest is offering several options. Answer the contest question using ONE of the following formats:

1. **Essay**
 - a. Maximum of 2-3 pages
 - b. Should be typed and well-organized
 - c. Double-spaced and proofread
 - d. Includes a clear thesis with support, research, evidence
2. **Poem**
 - a. Should be typed
 - b. Should be roughly 20-25 lines
 - c. Can follow any organizational scheme, but should be recognizable as poetry
3. **Short Film**
 - a. Can be a fictionalized or documentary style (roughly 3 minutes in length)
4. **Visual Art**
 - a. Painting, sculpture, and photography are acceptable
5. **Musical composition** (roughly 3 minutes in length)

Submissions will be judged on the extent to which they address the theme and question of this year's contest, the level of effort and preparation, and the level of creativity and skill applied.

Submissions may be given to your history teacher or emailed to pgreene@mamkschools.org.