



Virginia History Day District Six



Military Aviation Museum



The 2023 District 6 was a very strong contest. The district had 116 student, 87 projects, 33 judges and a dozen volunteers from the Virginia SAR, Military Aviation Museum and VFW. All came together March 18th for the biggest District 6 contest yet! The Military Aviation Museum's staff was outstanding the Aircraft were just as impressive and wonderful to see up close.

The contest opened at 9am in the main museum near a model of the Wright flyer. I may be wrong but this year seemed to have more Dads in attendance.



As student arrived, got checked in and prepare for interviews, the registration desk got busy. Along with the volunteers we are very grateful for the teachers who encourage and supported the students who participated. We are very thankful for Dr. Wendy Scott's continued support of History Day and volunteering to help with registration.

A big District Six Thank You to our teachers for their dedication to the students!

Andrew Abeyounis of Grafton High School in Yorktown

John Jacobson of Bruton High School in Williamsburg

Jeremy Masher of Bruton High in Williamsburg

LaRoue Kathleen of Tallwood High School in Virginia Beach

Rachel Moore of James Blair Middle School in Williamsburg

Jennifer Brooks of Lois Hornsby Middle in Williamsburg

Rachael Rudis of Lois Hornsby Middle in Williamsburg

Wendy Scott of Tidewater Collegiate Academy at Virginia Wesleyan University in Virginia Beach

Student-Judge Interviews started at 10:00am, the contest was underway on the 2nd floor for most categories. The exhibits were in the Army Hanger with Aircraft history in every corner.

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The Army hanger held 59 exhibits, judges started student interviews at 10:00am continuing until 1:30pm. Our district is fortunate to have so many great judges!

Each project had 10–15-minute interview with their panel of judges. This was an opportunity for the students to share how they created the heir projects, their research process, and any information that they were not able to include on the project itself.



After the Judging concluded at 1:30pm everyone was invited to view the student's exhibits in the Army hanger and well as the many historic aircraft.

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After completing the interview Students and parents were able to tour the museum thanks to the complimentary admission for tours provided by the Military Aviation Museum, this included tours of the Fighter Factory Hangers! Did I mention how totally awesome the Aviation's Museum people are?



Student, Siblings and Parent were able to view and learn about the rich history of Military Aviation.



Food trucks on the flight line! Outside on the flight line student and families were able to get some lunch, snacks and cool drinks thanks to the services of the Blackwater BBQ and Pelican Pete food trucks.

In record time and 15 minutes ahead of schedule the result were in and everyone assembled in the Navy Hanger for the presentation of results. After some remarks by the Military Aviation Museum director and District 6 coordinator Bruce Meyer and Virginia History Day director Sam Florer the awards were presented for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners all will advance to the state contest April 29th and 30th in Richmond.

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A complete list of the contest results can be found on the District 6 website online.

[\(2023\) VA District 6 Contest Category Results](#)

VHD State Contest

Students who place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in their category will advance to the VHD State Contest, which will be held at the Virginia Museum of History & Culture in Richmond on **Saturday, April 29 (Elementary + Junior Divisions)** and **Sunday, April 30 (Senior Division)**. Students that place 4th in their category will serve as alternates and advance to states if one of the top three projects cannot attend. I will be in touch with the winners the week after the contest with more details.

Virginia SAR Youth Contest

The Virginia Sons of the American Revolution invites student to participate in our youth contest. These contest include an essay and historical oration for High School (Grades 9-12) students. Middle school (Grades 6-8) students can enter a brochure contest and Americanism poster contest for student in grades 3-5. Information about all of the Virginia SAR contest can be found on our website.

https://virginia-sar.org/vassarpress22/?page_id=90

The district 6 contest was a great event for all thanks to the work of our volunteers. Thank you to the Virginia SAR Thomas Nelson Jr, Norfolk and Williamsburg Chapters. VFW post 1211, Virginia DAR, and the staff and Volunteers of the Military Aviation Museum. See you next year!