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ORATORY

2005

DEPARTMENT ORATORICAL CONTEST

BLINN COLLEGE

BRENNHAM, TEXAS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2005

HOSTED BY

MARION MAYS POST 455
8th STREET
SOMERVILLE, TEXAS

PROGRAM

<i>9:00 A.M.:</i> Opening Remarks	James P. Heath Department Chairman
Invocation	
Pledge of Allegiance	Kurt Nilsson 10 th District Commander
Welcome	Dellano Simmons Department Commander
Program Briefing	James P. Heath Department Chairman
Prepared Orations	Contestants
Assigned Topics	Contestants
Intermission (for judging tabulations)	
Introductions	James P. Heath Department Chairman
Announcement of Winners	Dellano Simmons Department Commander
Benediction <i>11:00 A.M.</i>	James P. Heath Department Chairman

WELCOME

The American Legion, Department of Texas, is proud to welcome you to the Department of Texas finals of the National High School Oratorical Contest. We warmly welcome the contestants, distinguished guests and all those, whose interest in The American Legion's youth activities, brings them to Brenham, Texas today.

We sincerely hope this occasion will be remembered as a highlight of The American Legion's continuing programs of citizenship training for our young people.

Dellano Simmons
Department Commander

PROGRAM FACTS

The purpose of the High School Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of High School Students. Other objectives are those of leadership, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently on the rights and privileges of American Citizenship.

The National High School Oratorical Contest was first conducted as a National Contest in 1938 with 11 Departments competing. Today, over 30,000 students participate in the Oratorical Contest, representing 52 Departments of the American Legion, including the Departments of Mexico and France.

NATIONAL CONTEST DATE

April 9 - 10, 2005 - IUPUI Conference Center & Hotel
Indianapolis, Indiana