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# of Rights protects freedom

(Ed. Note-This is the last in a series of prize-winning essays on "What The Bill of Rights Means To Me" by student winners in the DAR Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter contest).

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The Bill of Rights protects my rights to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." I've never really thought about the Bill of Rights that much. I guess it is something that we all just take for granted because we are born with these rights.

The First Amendment to the Constitution gives me the freedom of religion, speech, the press and assembly. On Sundays I get up and go to church not even thinking that there are people in other countries that just don't have the opportunity to worship as they please. We also have the right to say what we want, to print what we want, and to assemble where we please as long as we don't interfere with the rights of others.

The Second Amendment to the

Constitution gives me the right to thing out of it unless they have cerprotect myself and my family by being able to purchase guns. I am able to purchase guns for collecting purposes, as well as to use them for enjoyment such as for hunting.

The Third Amendment to the Constitution gives me the right to privacy in my home. I don't have to worry about someone coming into my house or taking over my home without my consent.

The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution gives me the right not to allow anyone come into my house and search it or take anytain warrants in hand.

The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution gives me the right to fair treatment. If I am accused of a crime, I have the right to a fair trial. This means that I would appear in court, be represented by an attorney, state my case and a jury would decide my verdict. A jury would listen to the facts presented to them and make a just decision based on what they had heard in court. We must always remember that a person is presumed innocent until proven guilty by a jury of peers.

The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution also tells me that if my property is ever taken for public use that I would receive fair and reasonable compensation for it.

The Sixth Amendment to the Constitution gives me the right to a speedy trial. In these days of so many court cases and so much crime a speedy trial does not happen. Sometimes, from what I hear, it may take a year or more before some cases are tried.

The Seventh Amendment to the Constitution gives me the right that

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