



**VFW AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS
MAY 2018**

Our year “Stand for Veterans and Family” is rapidly coming to an end. I want to thank each Auxiliary for your outstanding support of the National Scholarship Program. Because of your dedication to promote the 4 Scholarship programs and making donations to 3 of these programs, you have made a difference in the lives of our youth, our future! Also by promoting the Continuing Education Scholarship, an Auxiliary member had an opportunity to apply for a \$1000 Big Ten Conference Scholarship.

The highlight of this year was in the VOD Scholarship Program—Hannah Brown, the Department 1st place winner, (sponsored by Post 1039 and its Auxiliary—Menomonie) place 3rd at the National level of competition! Hannah was the recipient of a \$10,000 scholarship that will be sent to her school of choice! Post 2823—Burlington—sponsored Grace Geyso, who placed 2nd in the Department. The 3rd place winner was Caleb Boutin who was sponsored by Post 2925—Berlin. There were 1,046 students that participated in this program. The oral essay theme was “American History: Our Hope for the Future”.

In the Patriot Pen Youth Essay contest there were 6,519 students that wrote on the topic “America’s Gift to My Generation”. Olivia Burns was the Department 1st place winner and she was sponsored by Auxiliary 10818—New Richmond. Olivia received \$500 from National. The other Department winners are Lucas Ortengran who placed 2nd and was sponsored by Auxiliary 5729—Medford and Jamie Rhodes who placed 3rd and was sponsored by Auxiliary 8834—Hartford.

At the time of this writing the American Creative Patriotic Art Contest is in the final stages of judging. As Chairman, I’m looking forward to receiving many “Master Pieces”!

The last program—Continuing Education Scholarship—there were 3 entries from WI. The total number of Big 10 Conference entries were 49. The winners will be announced in early May.

The 2018-2019 theme for the Voice of Democracy is “Why My Vote Matters”. The Patriot Pen theme is “Why I Honor the American Flag”. Pamphlets are available for each of these themes.

Your enthusiasm in promoting the National Scholarship programs made my year very rememberable. THANK YOU for a successful year!

Mary Brown
National Scholarships Chairperson

