

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY  
Youth Activities  
February 2020

Happy New Year to all VFW Auxiliaries,

It is hard to believe that we are half way through this year. My position this year has been to inform all auxiliaries about our new program for Youth Activities. Along with this is to get the schools and the communities involved and let the younger generation express their artistic abilities in "Illustrating America". The other half of this program is to have them also bring books out for all children to read about Patriotism Through Literacy; ie: Helping the youth learn about America through books, both historical fiction and creative nonfiction.

In past bulletins you were asked to contact me if you weren't able to find any of the information on the VFWA National website ([www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org)). Since I haven't heard from anyone I am guessing that all auxiliaries have passed out information concerning these two worthwhile programs to better inform our younger generations.

I am sending along with this bulletin the forms needed to have the students fill out their contest applications for Illustrating America so they can be judged locally. Please make sure that they follow the guidelines for this contest so that they are not disqualified. You can do local winners for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Deadline locally is March 31<sup>st</sup>. All 1<sup>st</sup> place winners for each age category are to be sent to National Headquarters to be judges by May 5<sup>th</sup>.

When working with the youth in your community you should also remember to hand out R.A.P. coins and cards to any youth doing a Random Act of Patriotism. While doing these contests and working with the youth please remember to fill out the form (also available) for "Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans". This form must be sent to me before April 1<sup>st</sup> so that I can review them and then send it on to National so they can issue certificates for the Youth Group.

One other item to remember is to help promote the Boy Scout/Girl Scout Award in your community and this information must be to Richard Coffin (Scouting Chairman prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>.) For information on doing this please go to the VFW website and all information is available there.

Auxiliary Presidents please don't forget to gather all information from your chairmen for the Year-End reports due to the District President by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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