



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS
December/January

I hope you all have your entries for Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen in to Department. Now is the time to give your Auxiliaries and Districts ideas on recognizing all the participants. A certificate, small gift or pizza party for all the entrants is a great idea. Give out the awards at the school in front of their peers! Giving out awards at the schools lets the student show off a bit in front of their peers, makes other students aware of the programs, and helps energize next year's program. It also gives chairmen a chance to promote all the scholarships we offer. Winners can be awarded at school, a banquet, or other special event. Suggest that the Auxiliaries send out press releases recognizing the winners and ask them to address the membership or speak at an event. Have you made a contribution to Department for these programs? If not, please send your check made payable to **VFWA-WI** and send to: Lenore Otto, 1383 W. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc, WI 53066 earmarked VOD and Patriot's Pen.

Now is a good time to get into the schools with information about the Patriotic Art contest. Be sure to stress the changes that were made this year. All art can be used except digital, photography and jewelry. It must be at least 8 inches in any direction and not more than 24 inches in any direction. It must also be no more than 5 pounds. Since this is an Auxiliary only project, we really need your contributions to cover the prize money awarded to the winning students. The total Department awards are \$2,225.00, so please be generous and make your donations now payable to **VFWA-WI** and send to: Lenore Otto, 1383 W. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc, WI 53066.

Also, National is asking us to donate to the National Patriotic Art Escrow Fund. The Address is: VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters, Attn: Patriotic Art Fund, 406 W. 34th Street, Tenth Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111.

My wish is for all to have a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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