



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

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Hello to all Auxiliary members from Wisconsin,

Another New Year has started and our President Mary Brown has appointed me to be the Youth Activities Chairman for this year. If you have access to a computer or know someone who has access, much of the information I am going to share with you can be found in MALTA under Youth Activities. Our Youth Activities Ambassador is Nicole Panteleakos and she is from Plainfield, Connecticut. Nicole states in her bio that she has spent much of her childhood in and around the VFW doing various activities and helping in different programs. She further states that "Working with kids today helps shape who they will be tomorrow - which is why our goals should always be to educate, to empower and to encourage empathy." We can do so through the Youth Activities Program, and, in particular, through two new components of Youth Activities.

- PATRIOTISM THROUGH LITERACY
- ILLUSTRATING AMERICA

What is Illustrating America?

A Patriotic Art Contest for Elementary and Middle/Junior High School Students. That is right!! Now the younger ones are able to create pictures of how they see the world through their eyes in drawings and paintings.

1. Get kids interested with the hope they'll enter the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest in high school.
2. Host contests for students in grades K-8. The contest consists of three grade divisions: K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. One National winner in each grade division, with awards for first, second and third place in each grade division.
3. Approach your local schools with information available under "Youth Activities" at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources
4. Reach out to local homeschooling families or organizations through print and online media.

What is Patriotism through Literacy?

This is Helping youth learn about America through books, both historical fiction and creative nonfiction.

To promote and participate in Patriotism through Literacy you can -

1. Volunteer to read a historical or creative nonfiction picture book to kids at your local library.
2. Donate historical fiction or creative nonfiction books to local school shelters or libraries.
3. Host a read-a-thon and award small prizes for number of books or hours read.
4. Run a writer's workshop for aspiring teen and tween authors at your Post Home
5. Invite an author of historical fiction or creative nonfiction to do a book talk/signing in your area.

More information will be coming Next Month for this along with Year End Report Form and awards. Stay Tuned!! Don't Stop Reading Yet!!

We are going to help promote the Scouting Award for the VFW.

The applications are online at VFW.org or vfwwi.org - All information needed to promote this is right at your fingertips. The eligible people are:

- ❖ Girls Scouts who have earned their Gold Star
- ❖ Boy Scouts who have earned their Eagle
- ❖ 1 Scout Leader who is a member of a Post
- ❖ 1 Scout Leader in your Community not affiliated with the VFW.



If you have any questions on any Youth Activities or the Scout Award please feel free to contact me. School starts soon - let's get started!

“Giving Hope to Veterans and Families” while “Serving Veterans with Aloha”

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