



## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

Department of Wisconsin  
Youth Activities – September 2019



Hello to all Auxiliary Members from Wisconsin:

The year is underway and the children have returned to the classrooms.

I hope you have gone into MALTA and checked out the Youth Activities information. If you don't have computer access, please ask another member to do this or contact me. There are so many new ideas and new information for everyone to be able to participate. As you do things throughout the next few months, please keep notes so you will have information handy when doing the Year End Report.

Speaking of the Year End Report, a copy is being sent with this month's General Orders and hopefully this will help you in March to fulfill all requirements.

Did you see the bookmarks and certificates available to make copies and hand out to students? How about the R.A.P. cards? If your auxiliary cannot afford the coins, maybe you can go in with another auxiliary and purchase some.

A couple of important projects for all Auxiliaries to do are:

**1}** Find a youth group who is/has supported our Veterans and/or their families. Fill out the YOUTH GROUPS SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS form and return it to Me by March 31<sup>st</sup> so I can in turn send it into National. Remember! Send the completed forms to me. Don't just stop at one. See how many youth groups in your community are involved in "Giving Hope to Veterans and their Families".

**2}** Another form to look at and participate in is the **Youth Activities Award for Auxiliaries No. 1**. This is for all Auxiliaries who have the most outstanding promotion through Literacy. Each Auxiliary will receive a citation from National for participating and completing the form. If you have the best, you may be the \$50.00 winner throughout the Nation (there is only 1 winner). This must be returned to me by March 31<sup>st</sup>. The form can be found in MALTA under Program & Publicity Resources.

**3}** The Criteria for **Illustrating America** can also be found in MALTA under Program & Publicity Resources under the Youth Activities Youth contest tab. Get all the children in your community schools including home schooled children to draw and share their own view of America. These awards are to be done locally through your Auxiliaries for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Remember this is for students in grade K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Please remember all art must be at least 8x10 and no larger than 18x24. On paper, cardboard or canvas. No coloring pages, photography or computer-created designs. No specific themes. Paints, crayons, colored pencils, charcoal and even glitter. The American Flag does not need to have the correct number of stars and/or stripes.

This must be completed and given to auxiliaries to judge by March 31<sup>st</sup> and then 1<sup>st</sup> place winners sent to me by April 15<sup>th</sup> to judge.

**4}** Don't forget about the Scouting Awards. Applications and information can be found at [www.VFW.org](http://www.VFW.org) or [www.vfwwi.org](http://www.vfwwi.org). The deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup> and the Department Chairman is Rick Coffin. Your Post should have all the information for this also.

Any questions on any of the above, please feel free to contact me. Let's get started!

**"Giving Hope to Veterans and Families" while "Serving Veterans with Aloha"**

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