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2023 -2024



YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM



**PATRIOTISM
THROUGH
LITERACY**



PROMOTE PATRIOTISM



- With youth as young as age 2 – by reading to them.
- Pre-K, Kindergarteners, first and second grades – by reading to/with youth and through illustrations.
- Teaching the Pledge of Allegiance and singing our national anthem.
- Introducing historical figures through books.



HOW TO PROMOTE PATRIOTISM THROUGH LITERACY

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- Community libraries
 - School libraries
 - Classroom libraries
 - Home libraries





LITERACY BENEFITS



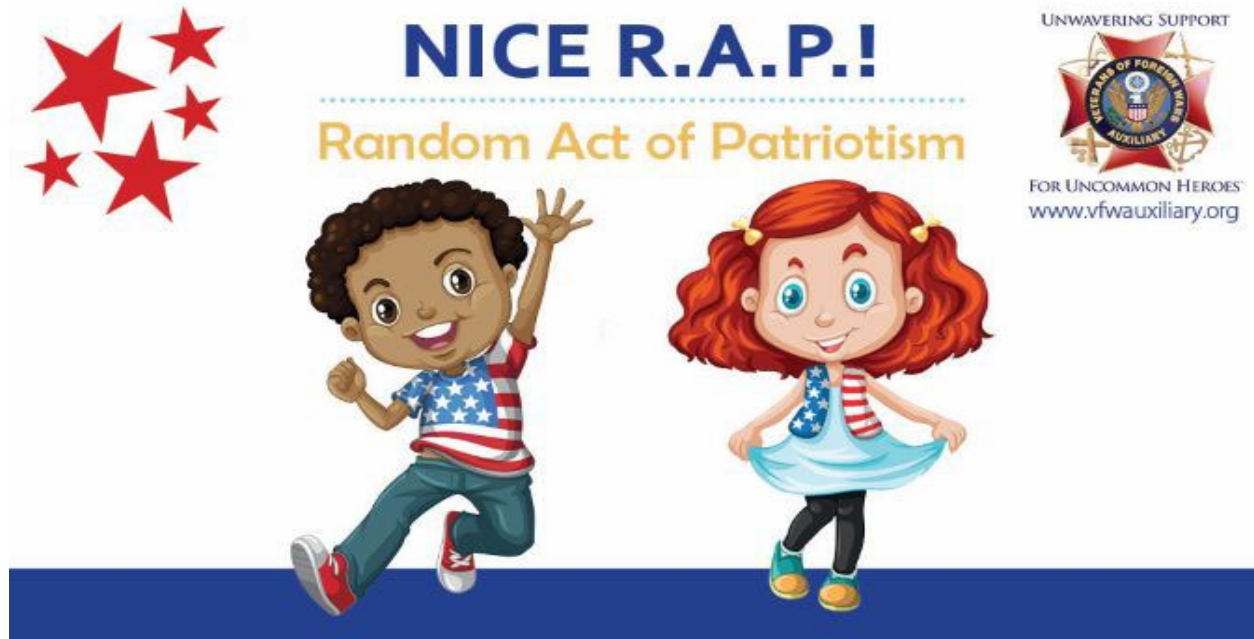
- Books teach youth about various events in American history.
- Books foster a love of lifetime learning through reading.
- Helps youth to better understand our American history.
- Improves grammar, writing skills, concentration.

LITERACY PARTICIPATION

- Volunteer at your local library.
- Donate historical fiction to local school and community libraries or even shelters.
- Host a read-a-thon at a school.
- Award prizes for most books read such as stickers, pins or a book to take home.



GREAT AWARD TO GIVE TO OUR YOUTH



RANDOM ACTS OF PATRIOTISM

Creating, Supporting and Working with Youth Groups

Community Involvement:

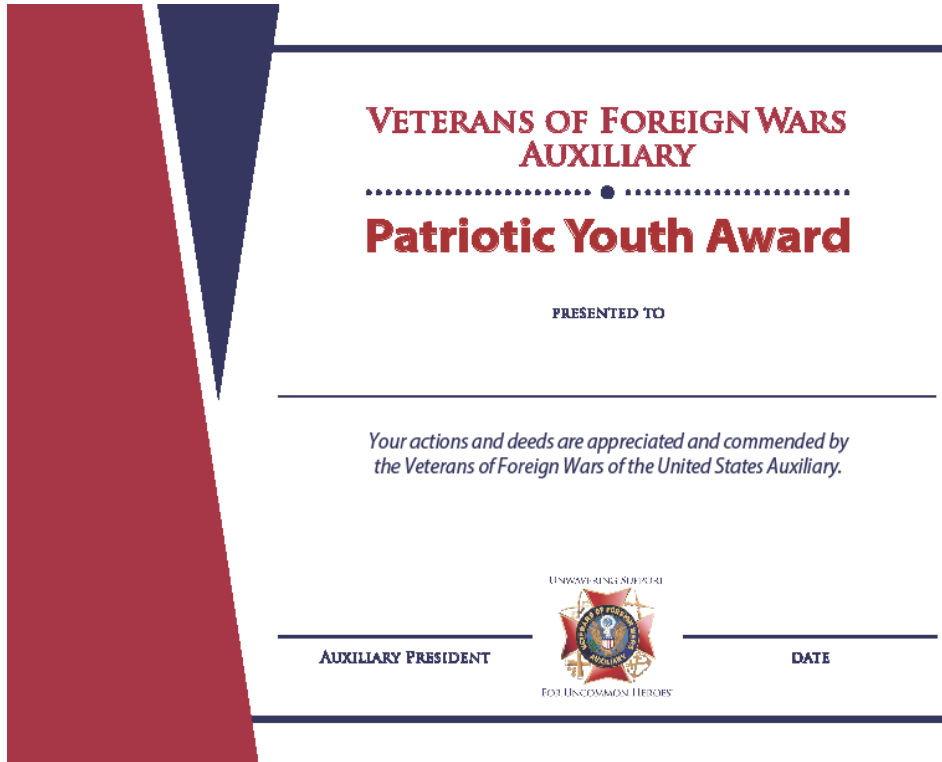
- Boys and Girls Clubs of America
- Scouts
- School-Sponsored Clubs
- Church groups



Assisting with Auxiliary Projects:

- Deliver groceries to disabled veterans.
- Help veterans with yard work or take trash out for curbside pick up.
- Visit nursing homes, hospitals or veterans' centers.





Fillable, printable citations
are located in
MALTA Member Resources.

- Recognize individual youth with a Patriotic Youth Award.
- Present to Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations.



Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!

National Anthem Singing Contest

vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities

- An individual singing contest for youth in grades K-12 at the time of local entry, and a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. Youth learn the words to “The Star-Spangled Banner” while expressing their creativity. The contest highlights the vocal talent of young people while promoting patriotism.
- Entry will be judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretation and entertainment value.
- The contest consists of two grade divisions: K-8 and 9-12. There is one National winner in each grade division, with awards for first, second and third place in each grade division.

Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!
VFW Auxiliary National Singing Contest
A video solo vocal performance of The Star-Spangled Banner

Contest Entry Form
Please print or complete fillable form at vfwauxiliary.org
This form must be submitted with the video entry at all levels of judging.

Student Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
School Name: _____ Grade: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

I certify that I have met all the contest requirements and that I am the sole author of the attached enclosed video entry. By entering the contest, I grant the VFW Auxiliary royalty-free rights to use, edit, share, publish and broadcast my contest video entry for the **Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!** national anthem singing contest for any and all promotional purposes by the VFW Auxiliary. I understand the video will not be sold but will remain the property of the VFW Auxiliary.

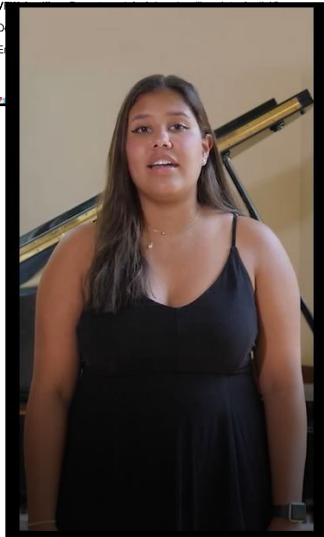
To acquire contact information and application assistance in your state please email info@vfwauxiliary.org

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

YouTube link: _____

This section to be filled out by VFW Auxiliary at each judging level.
National Headquarters only accepts Department level first place winners.
Any other entries received at National Headquarters will be **disqualified**.

Sponsoring VFW Auxiliary No.: _____ Department of: _____
Please check the appropriate grade division.
This first place entry is for: Grade K-8 _____ OR Grade 9-12 _____
VFW Auxiliary Judging deadline date March 31.
Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman verification signature: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____



VFW Auxiliary National Illustrating America Art Contest
An Art contest for students in grades K-8

Student Name: _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____
 School Name: _____ Grade: _____
 Parent/Guardian Name: _____
 Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

I hereby grant permission of the artwork by the student listed above to be published in VFW Auxiliary Magazine, on the VFW Auxiliary website and to be used for any and all promotional purposes by the VFW Auxiliary and the VFW Store. If named a winner of one of the top national awards, I hereby verifying that the entry was done by the student listed above.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

This section to be filled out by VFW Auxiliary at each judging level.
National Headquarters only accepts Department level first place winners.
Any other entries received at National Headquarters will be disqualified.

Sponsoring VFW Auxiliary No.: _____ Department of: _____
 Please check the appropriate grade division.
 This first place entry is for: Grade K-2 OR Grade 3-5 OR Grade 6-8

VFW Auxiliary Judging deadline date March 31
 Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman verification signature: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____
Artwork is property of the student and must be returned immediately to the address listed above if not advancing to the next level.

Department Judging deadline date April 15th
 Department Youth Activities Chairman verification signature: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____
Artwork is property of the



Illustrating America

Art Contest

vfwauxiliary.org/illustrating-america

- A patriotic art contest for elementary and middle/junior high school students that encourages students' artistic abilities and rewards their hard work. It's fun to see how our youth see the world through their drawings and paintings.
- The contest consists of three grade divisions: K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. There are National awards for first, second and third place in each grade division.

