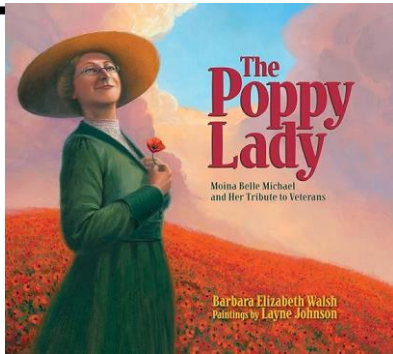




Youth Activities December and January

The weather might be getting colder, and the days feel shorter but keep pushing for our youth and Veterans. Last month I saw that there were many Auxiliaries who participated in Veterans Day celebrations. GREAT JOB!!!



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Want to teach the youth about the Buddy Poppy? Check out "The Poppy Lady" book.
If you choose to do a project with "The Poppy Lady" book you can report for both YOUTH ACTIVITIES and BUDDY POPPY. Just calculate your time, cost, and miles and split it between the two reports.

Dates to remember

Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday	Dec. 1
#GivingTuesday	Tuesday after Thanksgiving
National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	Dec. 7
U.S. National Guard Birthday	Dec. 13
National Wreaths Across America	Dec. 18



Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue Contest Information

VFW Auxiliary Judging deadline date March 31.

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. More Information can be found on MALTA under Member Resources or at www.vfwauxiliary.org/wh-at-we-do/youth-activities

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 Department Judging deadline date April 15.
 Department Youth Activities Chairman verification signature: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____

Final Level - Department first-place entry must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters by May 5 or it will be disqualified.
 ATTN: Program Awards Administrator

Entry forms and advertisements can be found at <https://vfwauxmd.org> under Youth Activities.



Illustrating America Contest Information

VFW Auxiliary Judging deadline date March 31..

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



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: GradeK-2 _____ OR Grade3-5 _____ 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 student and must be returned immediately to the address listed above if not advancing to the next level.

Final Level - Department winning entries must be received at
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters by May 5 or they will be disqualified.
ATTN: Program Awards Administrator



2023 National Winners to see more winners visit
<https://vfwauxiliary.org/illustrating-america/>

Entry forms and advertisements can be found at <https://vfwauxmd.org> under Youth Activities.