



Youth Activities

August 2026



A note from your Youth Activities Chairman

Thank you to all that stopped by my display at the Officers and Members Training in July!

I know that my speech was very brief so please be sure to read the second page of my promotion as it will have all of the dates for the Illustrating America Art Contest. These deadlines will be here before we know it!

It will soon be back to school time so here are some ways you can support your local schools.

- **Consider donating Patriotic books to their school library. Making sure to include the book donation label.**
- **Offer to volunteer to read to children at their Back to School Night or their school's Open House.**
- **Consider doing a school supply drive at your post and donate the supplies to a local school. You may be able to find many back to school deals at your local Walmart or office supply store!**

Book donation labels



These can be found by following the steps below:

1. Log into MALTA
2. Click Member Resources Tab
3. Scroll down to find YOUTH ACTIVITIES on the left side.
4. Click YOUTH ACTIVITIES.
5. Find the section labeled "Patriotism Through Literacy".
6. Click Book labels in honor of Donna fillable Avery 5164 to print the labels.

You can purchase the AVERY 5164 stickers at your local office supply store or Amazon. Or you can just print the label on regular paper and use packing tape to tape the label on the book.

EACH AUXILIARY SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE SHEET OF THESE AT THE OMT .

**Congrats to
Post 521
for being the
first Auxiliary to
turn in a report!!**

R.A.P. Recognition & Youth Acts of Kindness

R.A.P. Cards are to be given out when you witness Random Acts of Patriotism. Celebrate our youth by acknowledging their patriotic deeds. These can be found on the Member Resources page.

Illustrating America Updates!!

Important reminder: There are several CHANGES this year to the DUE DATES.

The Illustrating America schedule starting for the 2026-2027 year is:

December 15th, 2026: Illustrating America student entries are due to participating/sponsoring VFW Auxiliary for Judging.

January 15th, 2027: Illustrating America first place winner in each grade division from each participating/sponsoring VFW Auxiliary or optional VFW Auxiliary District are due to the VFW Auxiliary Department for judging. (You are responsible to getting it to the Youth Activities Chairman).

January 31st: Illustrating America first place winner in each grade division from each VFW Auxiliary Department must be received at the VFW National Headquarters for judging.

Contact your local schools and see if the teachers can incorporate the contest as a class project.

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