

## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM FEBRUARY 2025 PROMOTION**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Hopefully, you all have been promoting the Veterans reading to Children – Children reading to Veterans part of our program. March 2 is Dr. Suess Day (Read Across America). Looking for some reports from you stating teachers in your area have set up for Veterans to visit their classrooms to be read to by the students or for Veterans to read to the students. Dr. Suess books will be put to good use, but even better if they use books on the “Patriotism through Literacy” list.

Make sure you are promoting your Auxiliary members to work with the youth groups in your area, especially the high school students who may need Community Service hours for college. Getting the Scouts, ROTC cadets involved in upcoming dinners or festivities helps them to serve others and possibly earn awards or credits. We must remember to set good examples for the children, teach them what our organization is about, and why we do what we do. These children are our future, and they need to understand how important they are to keep patriotism and service going forward in our communities. One thing to remember: do not drink or smoke in front of them, be the role model for them by being a good example. Be the one person to listen to and support a child because you may be the one person in their future that they remember as being their inspiration in life.

### **Deadlines:**

#### **Illustrating America Art Contest**

March 31 – Student entries must be submitted to the local Auxiliary for judging.

April 15 – First Place winners in each division must be submitted to Departments for judging.

May 5 – First Place winner from each grade division from Department is due to National Headquarters for judging.

**IMPORTANT** -Please be sure the entry form is **COMPLETELY** filled out and student name, age, and grade level **must be printed on the back of the art entry.**

#### **Awards for Auxiliaries**

Most Outstanding activity and/or event of Youth reading to veterans and/or Veterans reading to Youth. The entry form must be filled out completely and sent to me by **March 31, 2025**. I must sign it and send it into the National Activities Ambassador by **April 30, 2025**. The form is attached to this article.

Thank you all for everything that you do for our youth and know that you are much appreciated.