

FEBRUARY YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM PROMOTION

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March is fast approaching and we have several deadlines to meet. Here is a list of the following:

Youth Activities National Program Award – Most creative and/or unique activity and /or event of the VFW Auxiliary ‘Working with a Youth Group.’ Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most creative and/or unique activity and or unique/event of the VFW Auxiliary working with a youth group. **VFW Auxiliaries must send the completed entry form to the Department Youth Activities Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.**

Illustrating America – Deadlines: Entries received by the local Auxiliary – **March 31,2026** Department Youth Activities Chairman – **April 15,2026**. I must have them into National by **May 5,2026**. Judging sheets if needed can be found on MALTA- Resources – Youth Activities. Please start setting up your Judges, location, and time to judge your entries. Please mail your entries to me and not in roll containers as it makes it hard to view the picture and if I try to flatten it out it could be damaged, for which I do not want to be responsible.

Check out MALTA for the Certificate of Recognition Youth Illustrating Art America for you to print and hand out to those students who participate in the program. There is also a fillable certificate you can use.

Youth Citations – Citations can also be found on MALTA and the Department websites under Youth Activities. Please take advantage and use them to recognize those who deserve took the time to participate in our program. **Patriotic Youth** has 3 different certificates. Choose your favorite to use. **Youth Act of Kindness** has 2 certificates and **Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citation**. This is a beautiful citation with the National President’s theme and signature on it.

Patriotism through Literacy – Just a reminder to promote the “Reading Buddies” program. We have President’s Day coming up and March 2, 2026 is Dr Seuss Day. Let us do what we can to help our students improve their reading skills and comprehension.

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