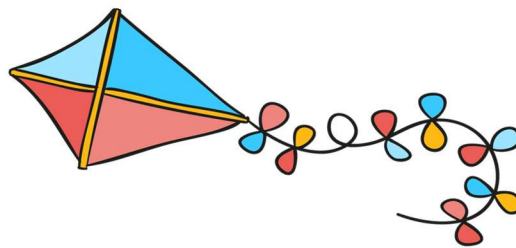


YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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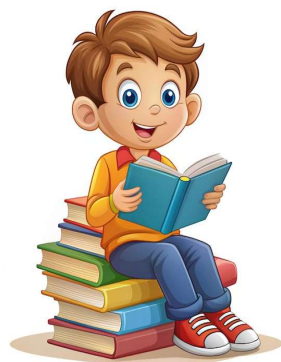
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ILLUSTRATING AMERICA CONTEST

Thank you to our Auxiliaries for the wonderful **Illustrating America Contest** entries that you forwarded to me. Hopefully, you'll be able to recognize your local winners in some special way. The Department of Wisconsin judging will be completed during April and those first-place winners will soon be on their way to National. **Go, Wisconsin!**



READING BUDDIES and PATRIOTISM THROUGH LITURGY

Have you found your special reading buddy yet? As Shannon Stanley, our National Youth Activities Ambassador, says, "Are you shining a light on reading by volunteering to listen to a child read? Remember, any Auxiliary member can participate in this project and make an impact on a child's life." Sharing patriotic stories together can make this reading experience even more meaningful!

YOUTH AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Before we know it, schools will close their doors for the summer and our youth will be off on their various vacation adventures. While we still have a chance, let's remember to say, "**Thank You**" and "**Good Job**" to them for supporting our veterans, showing patriotism, and being kind and helpful to others. Acknowledging their good deeds will show that we appreciate them and will encourage them to do more! Check out these award options that are on our WI VFW Auxiliary website under the Youth Activities Program or on MALTA Member Resources:

- **Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations**
- **Individual Patriotic Youth Awards**
- **Youth Acts of Kindness Certificates**
- **Random Act of Patriotism (R.A.P.) Cards**

Working with our youth is a win-win partnership for us all!

