

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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## *Illustrating America Contest*

Thank you to so many of our Auxiliaries for the wonderful **Illustrating America Contest** entries that you sent my way. The Department of Wisconsin judging will be completed during April and the first-place winners will soon be on their way to National! **Go, Wisconsin!**

## *Youth Awards and Recognition*



Don't forget to say, "Thank You" and "Good Job" to our youth who support veterans or display patriotism. Acknowledging their good deeds will show that we appreciate them and encourage them to do more! Check out these award options that are on our WI VFW Auxiliary webpage under the Youth Activities Program or on MALTA Member Resources:



### **Youth Group Supporting Our Veterans Citations**

Youth groups (Scouts, 4-H, Boys and Girls Clubs, sports teams, school clubs, community service groups, etc.) are doing amazing things for veterans and their families. We can thank them and ensure that these great projects and activities continue by recognizing the whole group with a Youth Group Supporting our Veterans Citation.

### **Patriotic Youth Awards**

Do you know an individual boy or girl who shows patriotism and/or supports our veterans, service members and their families? Don't let this go unnoticed – present them with a Patriotic Youth Award! For example, my Auxiliary recognizes high school buglers who offer to play "Taps" at military funerals.

### **R.A.P. Cards (Random Act of Patriotism)**

Have you seen a child respecting our flag or thanking a veteran? Every little thing counts! R.A.P. Cards are a fun and easy way to applaud youth and thank them for their patriotism.

I also want to include a personal **THANK YOU** to all our Auxiliaries for all YOU do for our youth! ❤️