

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

RANDOM ACT OF PATRIOTISM (R.A.P) CARDS

As we all know, recognizing our youth for their achievements will encourage them to keep giving back to our veterans and community. Through our Youth Activities Program, we can award our boys and girls with **Random Act of Patriotism (R.A.P.) cards**, **Youth Acts of Kindness Certificates**, **Individual Patriotic Youth Awards**, and **Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations**. This month, I would like to focus on the R.A.P. Cards.

Have you seen a child show respect to the Flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance, or honor our veterans and our country in some way? Let them know that you see them by giving them a R.A.P. card. We have four new designs this year!



DEADLINES ARE COMING UP QUICKLY!

Patriotic artwork and applications for the **Illustrating America** contest are due to your local Auxiliary on **March 31st** and then to me by **April 15th** for Department judging. Send in your Auxiliary's first-place winner in each grade division (K-2, 3-5, and 6-8). Be sure to use the 2025-2026 entry form. One is included with this bulletin.

Your Auxiliary is probably doing some wonderful projects with youth. The **2025-2026 Youth Activities National Program Awards for Auxiliaries** is for the **"Most creative and/or unique activity and/or event of the VFW Auxiliary working with a youth group."** A copy of the entry form was included in the September S'more News. You can also find it on our Wisconsin website or on MALTA Member Resources under Youth Activities. Why not give it a try? The application is due to me by **March 31st**.