



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

March 31st is just around the corner, and I hope you all had fun finding an artist or singer to enter our contests!



Illustrating America

All entries must be received by your Local Auxiliary by March 31st to be judged locally. Then the winner is then sent on to the Department for judging. Please get them to me by April 15th. After the Department chooses a winner, I will forward the artwork to National for judging. Remember there are 3 grade divisions: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. There will be National awards for first, second and third place in each grade division. First, second and third place entry in each grade division will be displayed at National Convention! Please see the student brochure and entry form in MALTA Member Resources or on the VFW Auxiliary website for more details on requirements and contest rules.



If you watched the Super Bowl game last month, I hoped you had the opportunity to see and hear Reba McEntire's performance of the National Anthem!

Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!



This singing contest is open for youths in grades K-12. There are two divisions: K-8 and 9-12. The Department first place winner in each grade division will be forwarded to Auxiliary National Headquarters. There is one National winner in each grade division, with awards for first, second and third place in each grade division. Please see entry form in MALTA Member Resources under Youth Activities for eligibility requirements and contest rules.

Deadlines:

Entries received by:

Participating Auxiliary-March 31st

Department-April 15th

NNational Headquarters-May 5th



Patriotism through Literacy

Now would be a good time to get all of the books your Auxiliary has collected to the local schools and libraries. One of the easiest ways to promote patriotism is through reading among our youth. We need to educate our youth at an early age about who our historical figures were that helped to build this great country, the United States of America!



Make your Auxiliary accessible to today's youth!

With all the social media and information tools available, there should be no reason your Auxiliary can't communicate to the world, especially our youth.

Visit MALTA Member Resources for publicity tips, social media guidelines and other helpful information.

Loyally,

Nathaniel "Buddy" Nicholas

Department of NH VFW Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman (2023-2024)

Youth Activities Year-End Report

Auxiliary Name _____

Auxiliary Number _____

- 1. Number of youth groups that your Auxiliary worked with during the Program year. _____**
- 2. Number of youths that your Auxiliary worked with during the Program year. _____**
- 3. Number of youth groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations awarded by your Auxiliary. _____**
- 4. Did your Auxiliary participate in Patriotism through Literacy? ____ If so, how many books did your Auxiliary donate? _____**

GET EXCITED FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE! (National Anthem singing).

- 1. Did your Auxiliary promote this singing contest? _____**
- 2. Number of students submitted entries into this contest for judging? _____**
- 3. Number of entries did your Auxiliary submit to Department for judging? _**
- 4. Did your Auxiliary host an award ceremony to recognize awardees and participants in this contest? _____**
- 5. What was the total dollar amount and/or value of awards presented by your Auxiliary? \$ _____**

Illustrating America (Art contest)

- 1. Did your Auxiliary promote the Illustrating America (Art contest)? _____**
- 2. Number of students that submitted art entries for judging. _____**
- 3. Number of entries did you send to Department? _____**
- 4. Did your Auxiliary host an award ceremony to recognize awardees and participants? _____**
- 5. What was the total dollar amount and/or value of awards presented by your Auxiliary? \$ _____**