

YOUTH ACTIVITIES  
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We're getting closer to hearing the entries of our "GET EXCITED FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE" National Anthem contest. Who wrote the National Anthem? Entries are due to your Auxiliary by March 31, 2021, then to your Department Chairman by April 15, 2021, this includes all Youth Activities entries, along with your yearend reports.

I understand these trying times. We work hard on our programs, for our youth and our Veterans, and it seems to be going nowhere. But have you pulled out all of your resources?

I have an Auxiliary that has diligently involved their local private schools, and have accomplished amazing thing, another has set in motion frequent visits to their local schools to pass our information to keep them involved.

Have you thought about all the Home Schooled students? Place a notice on Face Book, or in the local paper for a Home School representative to contact you. My Post actually had a representative contact us for a meeting place, weekly. This put an opportunity in motion.

Let's not forget about our Veterans and their families. Most have grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. Keep information with you at all times and pass it to them. Our Church families is another place to pass out some information. Neighbors, workplace, and even day care facilities. Once we think outside the box, it'll fall into place.

Make sure you understand the rules and eligibility for each contest before you speak with teachers, parents and youth.

Please share your passion for our Veterans and invite youth to participate in our Youth Activities Program. There are many positive ways to involve our youth in our organization.

- GET EXCITED FOR THE "RED, WHITE AND BLUE": National Anthem singing contest: Ages 6-16
- ILLUSTRATING AMERICA: Art Contest: Grades 1-8
- PATRIOTISM THROUGH LITERACY: Increases grammar and writing skills
- YOUTH GROUPS SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS: Recognizing Youth Groups for their efforts and service projects for active duty military and their families
- YEAR END REPORTS: Due to Department Chairman by April 15, 2021

All material and citations can be found on the website: [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources)

Stay safe!

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