



POW/MIA Recognition Day!

Everyday that we live and breathe on this earth is POW/MIA Day, because these are more than just letters on one day of the year. We as an Auxiliary need to bring this to our community, making them aware of the sacrifices made of so many men and women over the years. Our youth need to be educated, if we do not educate the community the honor and respect deserved by these many men and women will slowly disappear. And when honor and respect disappear, so does "Patriotism". EDUCATE! EDUCATE! EDUCATE!

"At present, more than 83,000 Americans remain missing from WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Gulf Wars, and other conflicts. Out of the 83,000 missing, 75% of the losses are located in the Asia-Pacific, and over 41,000 of the missing are presumed lost at sea."

Put a Flag Retirement Box in front of your post, put the word out that you have one and ask those who dispose of their flag to put it in this box.

On the box, display when the next Flag Retirement Ceremony will take place, invite the community and the schools. Ask the children to join in the ceremony, children will listen and hear more when they are involved then to just watching.

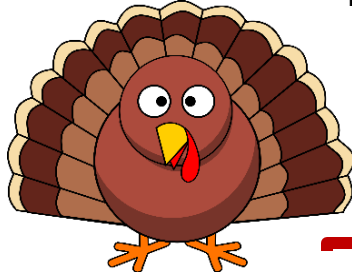
Respect and Honor is something that cannot be taught, it needs to be learned and seen. If people see Respect, Honor, and Patriotism, they will follow and even if it's just one person, you've reached out.

AUXILIARY OUTREACH

"STAND UP, SPEAK OUT"
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"BANDING TOGETHER FOR OUR VETERANS"
NOVEMBER 2023

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING
FROM OUR HOME
TO YOUR HOME!**



OUR TO DO LIST!

- ✓ **Reach out in the community**
- ✓ **Lend a helping hand**
- ✓ **Look for a non-profit organization hosting an event**
- ✓ **Give your Labor of Love**
- ✓ **Help serve Thanksgiving meals to the homeless**
- ✓ **Look into your local community boards and newspapers**
- ✓ **Help the scouts lay Christmas wreaths on graves**
- ✓ **Look for Cancer Runs, and be a spotter, or hand out water**

**THE FOCUS OF THIS PROGRAM IS
STRICTLY VOLUNTEERING OUR TIME AND
TALENTS!**

**There is no money or in-kind donations and
No Splitting hours reported in this
program.**

*Remember, you are helping another
non-profit organization host their event!*



**KEEP TRACK OF YOUR HOURS AND MEMBERS WHILE WORKING
THIS PROGRAM, AND REPORT THEM BECAUSE THERE IS.....**

**A SPECIAL AWARD FOR (1) AUXILIARY IN EACH MEMBERSHIP GROUP WHO
VOLUNTEERS THE MOST AUXILIARY COMMUNITY HOURS WITH ANOTHER
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION!**

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How can you help donate, VFW National Home

TRIBUTE BRICKS

Be a part of the National Home's history! A personalized brick is a wonderful way to honor a friend or loved one and leave a lasting mark on the campus of the National Home. Bricks are placed in walkways in front of the community center, health & education building, museum, and World War II monument.

You can customize your 4" x 8" brick with your three-line message. Consider donating a brick to:

- Remember a loved one.
- Honor a friend, comrade, or sister.
- Show your gratitude to a family member.
- Celebrate a milestone in your life; or
- Set your own name in stone.

Each brick is \$100. Your purchase includes a commemorative certificate with a representation of your brick.

A Donation to the National President and National Commander in Chief Special Project

• Floors would be replaced with a nonslip surface • A sidewalk would be added from the administration walkway to ensure ADA compliance • Increased retail space and expanded items available for resident convenience, such as milk and bread • Postal and parcel operations will be combined for resident and postal worker convenience Beginning July 1, 2023, members may donate to this project in MALTA by selecting Make a Gift, National President's Special Project

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Buddy Poppy Drives

This is a great program where you can team up with the post and hold Buddy Poppy drives. Split the area up with the Post and share the donation.

You can also team up with another program within your Auxiliary and support each program.

Americanism: Flags with the Buddy Poppy wrapped around the stem.

Veterans and Family Support and Hospital, tie the Buddy Poppy on food baskets and donate to the Hospitals and give to our Veterans and Families that are staying there.

DPSP: Hold fundraisers with dinners for donations to DPSP and wrap the silverware with a Buddy Poppy.

Youth: Order coloring books online from the VFW Store and distribute them to the local schools, hold a contest and ask the youth to bring their completed project to the post, offer certificates for each age group. **Use Your Imagination!**

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EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION PROGRAM



A good day from the desk of
Maggie Gilchrist
 This year's 2023-2024 Chief of Staff
 the Department of Florida



How healthy is your Auxiliary ? Some old-time suggestions!

We can "Stand up" when we know, The Challenges to our Auxiliaries:

1. Members don't know when the meeting is scheduled
2. Meetings too long
3. Too much socializing
4. Certain members speak too many times
5. No agenda

Agenda Prior to the meeting the President, Secretary & Treasurer can draw up an agenda of projects to discuss, motions to vote on, any other business needed,

This will keep the meeting run smooth

We can "Speak up" when we know and understand the Solutions

1. Phone committee, Email Committee News letter and postcard are great resources
2. Order of Business/Agenda can help a meeting start and end on time
3. Plan a designated social time allows the new seasoned members to get acquainted.
4. Leadership of the President can help with this
5. A written agenda will keep the meeting on track as the President moves efficiently through the unfinished & new business

Also, this is why the President has a gavel, to use firmly but with discretion

More information on ; MALTA

Members resources, Extension & Revitalization
 Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit

Our Program Goals: Is the Universal Challenge!

Keeping our Auxiliaries strong.

We do this by better understanding our objectives

When we better understand our objectives.

We can help our Auxiliaries grown in knowledge and members

Historian Media Relations

November Checklist:

1. Does your Auxiliary have a face book Page?
2. Does your Auxiliary Have a website?
3. Do you share either one with your post?
4. Are you using hashtags on your face book posts?

For detailed information on setting up a face book page, go to Malta and look under resources.

5. Set up a time to teach your Auxiliary members how to use Malta and how to use our reporting website.

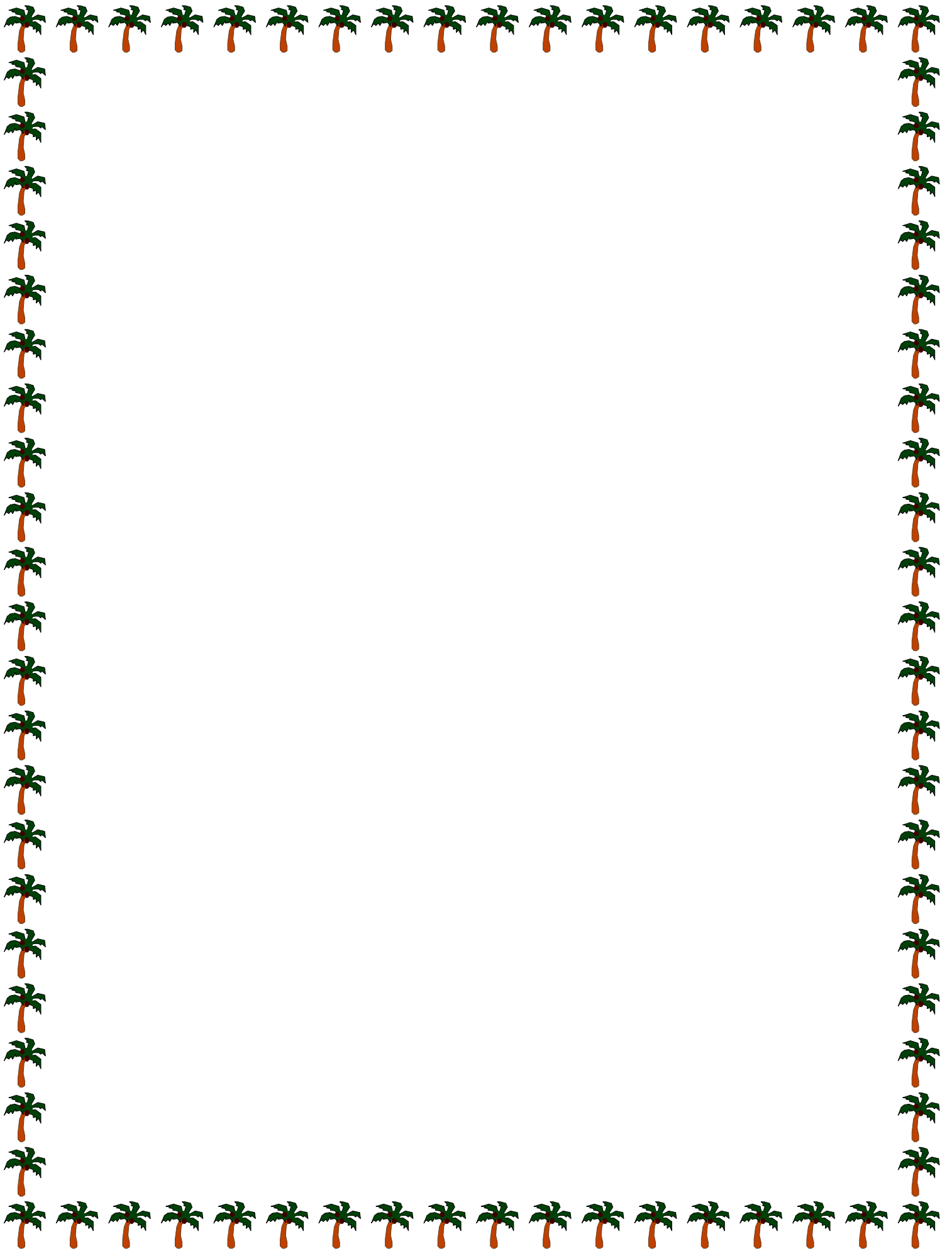
This is a good time to write a report:

1. As Historian, how often are you posting on fb?
2. What other sources of media do you use?
3. What and who is newsworthy to you?
4. Remember to text pictures that correspond with your report. (386-453-6513). As always, "SNAP".

"STAND UP, SPEAK OUT", with Media.

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HOSPITAL PROGRAM

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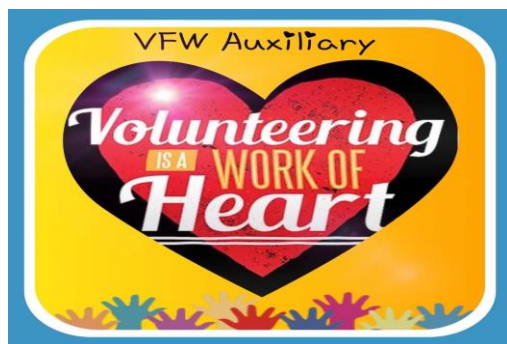
Recruit Hospital Volunteers (VA and Non-VA facilities)

- Hospitals are always in need of volunteers, has your Auxiliary recruited anyone?
- Contact your local hospital for areas they need support.
 - Greeter
 - Delivering mail to patients
 - Delivering Flowers to patients
 - Visit Veterans before or on Veterans Day
 - Visit a Veteran around Thanksgiving, thanking them for their service.



Volunteer Recognition-Give Thanks

- How do you recognize your volunteers, have you planned a quarterly luncheon or midyear luncheon?
- Do you give special certificates for hours or special job done by your volunteers.
- Christmas is coming, how about a special Christmas luncheon, providing a small gift bag with items from the dollar store.
- Giving thanks at your monthly, and district meetings to your special volunteers.
- A special card to appreciate all those who are there when asked to help.
- Just say Thank You with a smile!



S.W.A.P Idea....For special cards to Veterans (from a California Auxiliary)
Purchase Patriotic cards, or print on 3 x 5 cards or a auxiliary members can write this to give to Veterans all year long.

Thank you for your *sacrifices*,

For your *valor*,

For the *things you carry*,

For *protecting us*, and

For *defending our rights*.

Signed; As family members who have served, *We appreciate you!*

Post #_____ Auxiliary

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Legislative

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“Banding Together for our Veterans.”

**Carla Martinez our National VFW
Auxiliary President Theme.**

Carla is a Retired Navy Veteran.

**Through Legislative we can band
together and have a voice to help our
Veterans, at local, state, and federal.**

**Do you know who your
Representatives are?**

How they stand on Veterans issues?

Be an Advocate, Informed, & Engaged



What is the Veterans Bill 2023?

S.777, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2023” or the “Veterans ‘COLA Act of 2023” which provides for a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Veterans’ disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation beneficiaries equal to the Social Security COLA.



SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATES LEGISLATION

Legislative Program Ambassador Sherry Howland

Would like the Auxiliary members to have a better understanding of the legislation benefiting Veterans.

The more our members know, and understand Legislation, the better we can support the Veterans, service members, and their families.

Visit: vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service.



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Membership

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BE the Change Convert to Life

Be the winner who has the most convert to life. Make sure to inform all your annual members that converting to life means never having to pay again.



In First Place
we have
District 11
Post 4300.



In Second
place we have
District 19
post 8093



In third
Place
District 8
Post 4206
District 22
4781

Boots are for stand up.

You will receive this at 90%.

Speaker Phone is for Speak out.

You will receive this for 100%

Malta is for VFW Auxiliary.

You will receive this for 100%+3.



Thanksgiving A time for giving



who can't afford membership this year.

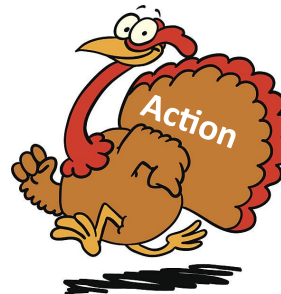
Make a movie about giving the gift of life. An auxiliary can give the gift of life. Shine your Light on annual membership, by putting all the names in a hat that come to the monthly meeting draw one name and give them 1 free annual membership, to gift to someone. It could be a friend or family member or even a member

Turn on the CAMERA!!!



need to sell 51 tickets.

Sell a chance to win a life membership. Anyone can play even if they already have a life membership. They can gift it to someone they want to turn to a life membership or they can use it to by a friend or family member a membership to your post. Remember the highest priced membership will only cost \$253. Sell tickets a \$5.00 and you only



Get in to ACTION!!! There lots of way to grow your membership. Now is the time to set up a booth at craft fairs. Set up your buddy poppy display and have information on hand to be able to talk about all the wonderful things we do as an auxiliary. Add to Your booth by having a bake sale. To earn money

MAKE FLORIDA NUMBER ONE

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NOV 2023  **Let's Stand up & Speak out**

While Banning together for our Veterans



MENTORING  *VOLUME 23 ISSUE 4*

HAPPYTHANKSGIVEN MAGGIE GILCHRIST

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Mentoring for Leadership

REMEMBER WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE DON'T KNOW

OR MAYBE WE HAVE FORGOTTEN A FEW THINGS?



Let's look at a few things "Like Making a Motion" What to do with a motion?

When a motion is made 2 things can happen

- 1. The motion can die for lack of a second**
- 2. The motion is 2nd a discussion follows Now remember to complete this motion a vote must be taken and the Motion Carried and noted as carried in the Minutes (MC works)**
- 3. Remember this organization Makes "Motions" not "Questions".**

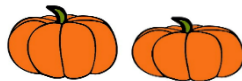


Note: When motions are made, And the votes are taken---

All Motions Must BE recorded in the minutes !

Simple? Yes, just remember the devil is in the Details. This is where mentoring helps the new & experienced members stay on the right path of knowledge, About our organization and its Details.

" We must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles"
(Jimmy Carter)



IF YOU HAVE READ THIS FAR "THANK YOU" HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY

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SCHOLARSHIPS

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Well here we are and it's Autumn leaves time. 'I hope everyone had a very successful Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy contest.

Looking forward to reading all the entries if I get the chance.

I know you have all worked very hard to promote these contests and I am so very proud of all of you.

Keep up the good work as we move on to our next project.

Back to the drawing board as they say.

Here we go again ready to promote the Young American Patriotic Art Contest and the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest.

We never stop when it comes to the students of today. And giving them another chance to earn a scholarship is our privilege and our duty.

So get out and talk to the art teachers at your local schools. And help them to instill in their students the importance of taking every opportunity to earn scholarships.

Remember all entries must be something done in this year and they must be at the local Auxiliary no later than March 31, 2024, with proper entry form filled out.



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Veteran & Family Support

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Send a Custom **Veterans Day Greeting card**
to a

Hospitalized Veteran or a Service Member

Go to vfw.org

Click on link **“Show Our Heroes That You Care”**

Click **“Take the Pledge”**



HELPING OUR VETERANS through DONATING

Maui Fire Assistance

Send Donations to: National VFW

Attn. Quartermaster General

EARMARK Check: Maui Fire

406 w. 34th Street

Kansas City, Mo., 64111

National Veteran Service (NVS)

Same Address as above

EARMARK Check: NVS

Military Assistance Program (MAP)

Same Address as above

EARMARK Check: VFW Foundation/MAP

~ Report these Donations contributed to VFW National & our VFW Department of Florida~

HOLIDAYS are Coming REMEMBER our Un-Housed Vets, our Caregivers & our Military who are away from home. Also, Our Vets in Nursing Homes & Assisted Living, & our Domiciliary!!!

Report under VFS your Contributions & Fundraisers for
Veterans Village Ft. McCoy~ Presidents Special Project (Aid for Women Veterans)
~ Disaster Relief Funds sent to our Florida Department Auxiliary

Did you know your Purchase from the VFW Store of Suicide Awareness Pins & “VFW Change Direction T-Shirt” is also reportable???

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

"Stand up, Speak Out"
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"ILLUSTRATING AMERICA"

ART CONTEST

- OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN K-8TH GRADE
- ENTRY MUST BE TWO DIMENSIONAL
- ENTRY MUST BE ON CANVAS OR PAPER
- WATERCOLOR, PENCIL, PASTEL, CHARCOAL, PEN, INK, OIL, TEMPERA, CRAYON, GLITTER AND MARKER.
- DEADLINE TO AUXILIARY BY MARCH 31, 2024.
- FIRST PLACE: \$100.00 GIFT CARD - NATIONAL AWARD



"GET EXCITED FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE"

- OPEN TOO ALL STUDENTS IN K-12TH GRADE
- TWO GRADE DIVISIONS K-8 AND 9-12TH GRADES.
- VIDEO OR SOLO VOCAL MUST BE RECORDED BY MARCH 31, 2024
- SING ANY GENRE OR ARRANGEMENT
- CAPPELLA WITH INSTRUMENTS OR BACKING TRACK
- THE WORDS CANNOT BE CHANGED
- DEADLINE MARCH 31, 2024 TO AUXILIARY

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