

Auxiliary Youth Activities

September 2025

“Be the Lighthouse in Somebody’s Storm”
“Bridging the Gap for Our Veterans”



Program Goal 4:

Illustrating America Art Contest

Youth Activities Program Goals:

- Creating, Sponsoring, and Working with Youth Groups
- Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations
- Patriotism Through Literacy
- **Illustrating America**



The Illustrating America art contest encourages students in grades K through 8 to explore their artistic talents by creating original artwork that reflects patriotic themes. This national competition helps young artists gain confidence and recognition while allowing them to express their love of country creatively. We should all be excited to see the world through the eyes of our youth! To download and print the **Illustrating America Art Entry Contest**:

- Go to MALTA (<https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org>) and log in with your username/password.
- Once logged in, click on **“Member Resources”** on the *top* menu, then **“Youth Activities”** on the *left side* menu.
- Click on the Illustrating America Art Contest Entry Form which is in the middle of the page under the **“Illustrating America Art Contest”** and save to your computer (it is editable)

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

- If you or someone you know is having suicidal thoughts, call 988.
- Florida has an organization that provides workforce veteran suicide prevention training:
 - The Fire Watch (<https://thefirewatch.org>) can train your company as “Watchstanders” to know the signs and resources. You can get trained too!

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