



Department of Missouri VFW Auxiliary Youth Activities 25-26

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Well, spring's blowin' in like a Kansas twister, and I'm tickled to share all the good we've done this year with our VFW Auxiliary family. From art contests to veteran tributes, we've been busier than a rooster in a henhouse!

We're plum proud to host the “**Illustrating America**” **Art Contest** for our little ones in **grades K–8**. It's a fine chance for kids to show their love for this great land with paint, pencil, or crayon. The contest has **three age groups**, **K–2**, **3–5**, and **6–8**, so every youngster gets a fair shake. **National prizes** include **1st Place**: \$100 gift card, **2nd Place**: \$50 gift card and **3rd Place**: \$25 gift card. If that doesn't make a kid's boots dance, I don't know what will.

So, if your little ones are drawin' flags, eagles, or even patriotic chickens (true story!), get those masterpieces turned in. We'll be judgin' in April, and I can't wait to see the talent sproutin' up like spring wildflowers.

March & April Activities for Veterans:

We've been mighty busy supportin' our heroes: We've had quilt sew-ins, letter-writing drives, and even a pancake breakfast where the kids served our vets with big ol' smiles.

March 31: We're settin' up youth group events to honor veterans. Auxiliaries that host the most creative activities can win a **\$25 award** from National. Form is available online.

March 31: Deadline to submit art entries to the local Auxiliary.

April 15: Deadline to send Illustrating America art entries to the Department Youth Chair.

Wrappin' Up the Fiscal Year:

As we near the end of our fiscal year, let's tip our hats to all we've accomplished: We have worked with youth to send care packages to deployed troops, included youth in our visits to local VA homes and trained up the next generation of Auxiliary members and leaders. We've built bridges between generations, honored service, and kept patriotism alive in our communities.

So, let's keep our boots on the ground and our hearts in the mission. If you've got questions or need help gettin' those art entries in, holler at your local Auxiliary chair. And remember, it's not just about contests, it's about teachin' our kids what it means to love their country and respect those who've served.

Yours in service and sunshine, Aunt Em (A.K.A Jennie Rosales-Wolfgeher)