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**South Dakota Department VFW Auxiliary
Youth Activities
Bulletin February 2025**

National Theme: *From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans*
Department Theme: *United in Service for Veterans*

News Flash: *Illustrating America* youth art contest deadline is fast approaching. All entries **MUST** be into your local Auxiliary by March 31st. Entries must have the newest application (2024-2025) affixed to the back of the artwork or they will not be accepted. Entries can have the applicant's name and grade on the back of the art entry. Please make sure that all of your students receive a Thank You for participating; this type of recognition is important to our youth.

This art contest **DOES NOT** get judged at the District level. The National paperwork indicates it is optional, but ALL entries from Auxiliaries are to be turned into the Department Chairman for judging no later than April 15th. Department winners are to be in National's hands by May 5th.

Information regarding this art contest is available in the Youth Activities resources. I am also adding the Judging Score Sheet to Youth Activities for the convenience of local Auxiliaries.

Please remember to submit information about your Auxiliary's activity or event of youth reading to veterans and/or veterans reading to youth. The most outstanding South Dakota Auxiliary activity could win \$25.00 and a National Citation. Entries **MUST BE TO ME** by March 31, 2025 for judging. The entry form is included in the Youth Activities Resources.

Now for some February recognition days:

February is American Heart Month, Black History Month, National Cancer Prevention Month, National Children's Dental Health Month and National Library Lovers Month to name a few.

February 1-7 African Heritage & Health Week

February 1 National Girls & Women in Sports Day

February 2 Groundhog Day

February 3 American Painters Day

February 7-14 Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week

February 8 National Boy Scout Day

February 11 National Make a Friend Day

February 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

February 14 Valentine's Day

February 16 National Caregivers Day

February 17 George Washington's Birthday, National Random Acts of Kindness Day, Presidents Day

February 22 Be Humble Day
February 25 Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day
February 26 Letter to an Elder Day
February 28 National Essay Day

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email me.

Thank you for your service to our Veterans and being a Mentor to our Youth.

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