### **BULLETIN – SEPTEMBER 2023**



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#### **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN**

Patriot's Pen theme: "How Are You Inspired by America" (for grades 6-8)

VOD audio-essay theme: "What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy" (for grades 9-12)

Entry applications available on my webpage on the Illinois Auxiliary Website or on the VFW website!!

Public schools, home schools, parochial and private schools are all eligible

School are open – get applications there soon if you haven't already!

Put the information in your local newspapers or on a local radio station if available

Entries due to your Post by midnight October 31, 2023

Judging by Post to be completed by November 15th and sent to District

One winning entry for every 15 entries received in each contest goes on to District for judging!

#### YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART

Applications should be taken to the schools as soon as possible!

Awards are available for both 2-D and 3-D!

Entries due to your Auxiliary by March 31, 2024!

Department Awards for each category – 1st place \$500, 2nd place \$200, 3rd place \$100

Please send donations for the 2-D and/or 3-D Patriotic Art Fund to the VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and donations to the Illinois Art Fund to the Department Treasurer.

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Please send me your monthly Auxiliary reports. Let me know when you have taken the applications or sent emails to the schools. Let me know anything you do for all the parts of this program. Remember to send out the Continuing Education applications to your members.