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Hello, and welcome to our beautiful fall season! I hope that those of you able to get to the National Convention, had a nice time and were able to learn some new things while you were there.

Now that children are back to school, my tips for this bulletin are relevant to the school projects. Now is the time that you should be speaking with the staffs at your local schools, so that they can fit this into their agenda for the year. If you are not sure who to contact, speak with your friends or relatives who have children at the ages of our programs to get the names of the principal at the school. Or, if your church has a school attached to it, check with your pastor and/or principal of the school. Again, the programs are:

**COLORING CONTEST** - Preschool ages 3-5 and Kindergarten. This year's picture is at the back of your Program book. Please put the child's name, school grade, your Auxiliary name, and district number on the back of the page.

**POSTER CONTEST** - Grades 1-3. This year's theme is "Thank a Vet". The poster should not be any larger than 14x22, and can be done in crayon, oil, markers, or any other coloring agent. Please put the child's name, school grade, your Auxiliary name, and district number on the back of the page.

**ESSAY CONTEST** - Grades 4-6. This year's theme is "What is Freedom?" The Essay should be no longer than 200 words and should be neatly typewritten or handwritten in ink. The Cover sheet for the essay should include the Student's name, school, sponsoring Auxiliary and District number.

Children are our future and need to be educated on the meaning of Americanism and what it is to be American. Another great (and fun) program is to go to a school, and bring one or two of the Veterans from your post. Let the kids ask questions of them and discover how important it is to be part of our freedom. Our catalogs have many things that you can bring as gifts – pencils, rulers, Pledge of Allegiance cards etc. Take advantage of these and bring them with you on your visit (some cookies would be nice too!). Remember to get pictures of this event and submit them to your local paper.

Finally, please exercise your right to vote on November 6<sup>th</sup> and strongly encourage our eligible youth to do the same. Every election is part of our history, and we should all be part of shaping the history of our great nation.

*“Together we can achieve the extraordinary”*