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Date: February 18, 2024
To: Post Commander, Adjutant, and Children and Youth Chairmen
From: Department Children and Youth Chairman
Subject: "War On Drugs" Poster Contest

A Poster Contest directed toward the 5th Grade students is part of **The American Legion's War On Drugs**.

The objective is for the youngster to create in his own mind an image of the harmful effects of drugs to their body. It is often said that one will forget what we see, and what we hear, but never what we do. It is hoped that, by the youngster's creativity, he or she will always remember their poster message, and offered drugs later in life, the poster will remind them to say "**NO**".

To encourage participation, it is suggested that Posts give cash prizes to each local winner and runner-up from each class. Similarly, awards may be given to District winners in each County or District at a special meeting. Posts are urged to visit school districts in their area and provide this information to the middle school students.

Please forward your Post and/or District contest winners to Headquarters by June 1 so they may be displayed during the Department Convention.

STATE WINNERS IN 2024

A state winner, second, and third place will be selected at the 2024 Department Convention, June 14th, 2024. Each Post may enter a maximum of three posters per school that participate in their program.

Contest Rules

1. Posters are to be made on sheets of poster board approximately 11" x 14"
2. Message should be limited to fourteen words or less
3. Artwork must be original and not violate copyright law
4. Posters may be made with crayons, magic marker, paint, ink, pencil or combinations of each.
5. Posters cannot be a team effort; one name on back per poster

Should you have questions, contact your Children & Youth Chairman.

Judging criteria will be as follows: 50 points for message, 30 points for creativity, and 20 points for neatness. The student's name, address, school, parents name, and Legion Post Number and City must be on the back, top, left-hand corner.

THE STATE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A \$250.00 CASHIER'S CHECK

THE STATE RUNNER-UP WILL RECEIVE A \$150.00 CASHIER'S CHECK

THE STATE THIRD PLACE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A \$100.00 CASHIER'S CHECK

ALL POSTERS SUBMITTED BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION