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American Legion Auxiliary Adolph Pfister Unit 1038 is pleased to announce the winners of the

Poppy Poster Contest

Nationally, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an annual Poppy Poster Contest for students in grades 2-12, including students with special needs. Students of various grade levels are divided into seven classes. Using the image and story of the Flanders Field Poppy, the contest helps to educate students about the sacrifices our military service members have made.

The contest begins at local ALA units. We are pleased to announce the following winners of the American Legion Auxiliary Adolph Pfister Unit 1038 Poppy Poster Contest:



*1st prize poster by Maria Angel Valdes
Valhalla Middle School*



*1st prize poster by Anna (Katie) Chong
Valhalla High School*



*1st prize poster by Elle DiPaolo
Hawthorne Elementary School*

First Prize – Class VI: **Katie Chong** (12th grade)

First Prize – Class III: **Maria Angel Valdes** (7th grade)

First Prize – Class I: **Elle DiPaolo** (2nd grade)

Honorable Mention goes to the following contestants: James Thomas, class I, grade 3; Valerie Castillo, class III, grade 6; Estella Castellano, class III, grade 7; Victoria Grigorova, class IV, grade 9.

A special thank you to Principal Haidee Anaya, Principal Matt Curran, Principal Jason Schrammel, and Principal Kristen Sautner for helping to facilitate the entries at the Virginia Road Elementary School, Kensico School, Valhalla Middle School and Valhalla High School, Valhalla High School Counseling Director Meghan Jacobsen and Westlake High School Art Teacher Carolyn Frawley. The first-place winner's posters have been submitted to compete at the state level: American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York.

First place winners at the state level will then compete at the national ALA competition. There is one award in each of the six classes presented to five divisions: (eastern, southern, western, northwestern & central.)

We wish Katie, Maria Angel, and Elle the best of luck in the American Legion Auxiliary Department of New York Poppy Poster Competition being held during the annual convention in July at the Westchester Marriott, this year.

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- Mission Statement: In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security