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

Nationally, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an annual Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. Students of various grade levels are divided into six classes.

This contest begins at local ALA units. The American Legion Auxiliary Adolph Pfister Unit 1038, sponsored students in two classes, III (grades 7 & 8) and IV (grades 9 & 10). The essay topic this year was "*How Can We Address the Health and Well-being of Our Veterans, Military, and Their Families?*"

We are pleased to announce the following winners of the American Legion Auxiliary Adolph Pfister Unit 1038 Americanism Essay Contest:

First Prize – Class IV: Katie Chong

First Prize – Class III: Lyra Giudice

Second Prize – Class III: Julia Ilario

Third Prize – Class III: Melissa Molinari

Honorable Mentions: Mia Pacor, Camila Flores-Castro,
Leo Dragone, Ian Reyes, Hala Choura

A special thank you to Dr. John Timmel, John Hayes, Lourdes Torres, and Meghan Jacobsen for helping to facilitate the entries at the Valhalla Middle and High Schools. In total over 40 students competed at these two levels. The first-place winners' essays have been submitted to compete at the state level: American Legion Auxiliary Department of New York. We wish Katie and Lyra good luck!

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

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 - 501(c)(19) non-profit and charitable Veterans' Organization
 - 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