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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. The contest, using the image and story of the Flanders Field Poppy, helps to educate students about the sacrifices of our military service members.

The contest begins at local ALA units. We are pleased to announce the following winner and honorable mention of the American Legion Auxiliary Adolph Pfister Unit 1038 Americanism Essay Contest:

First Prize – Class II: Joshua Thomas (4<sup>th</sup> grade)

Honorable Mention: Gabriella Rosa (1<sup>st</sup> grade)

A special thank you to Principal Haidee Anaya, Principal Matthew Curran, and Linda Carpentieri for helping to facilitate the entries at the Virginia Road Elementary School and Kensico School in Valhalla, NY. The firstplace winner's poster has been submitted to compete at the state level: American Legion Auxiliary Department of New York.

1st place poster by Joshua Thomas

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 Joshus the best of luck in the American Legion Auxiliary Department of New York Poppy Poster Competition!

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