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Just like members of the Imperial VFW Post 4688, members of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Imperial also brought home several awards from their state convention in Omaha June 8.

Local President Sue Moore was also happy to be able to present a local student with a state runner-up award in the auxiliary's statewide coloring contest.

Ella Colson, who just finished first grade at Chase County Schools, earned second place in her age group statewide in the coloring contest.

Youngsters in grades K-2 were invited to color a picture depicting a young Uncle Sam and his dog. Local winners advanced onto the state contest.

For her runner-up honor, Ella received a certificate and \$3 in cash. She is the daughter of Miles and Christy Colson of Imperial.

Other winners on the local level were Kisha Jameson, kindergarten, and Joee Clevenger, second grade.

The VFW auxiliary won a pair of seconds in their state contest for its history book and Buddy Poppy display.

Moore noted the history book includes such things as officer listings, awards received and meetings attended. It also reviews the auxiliary's activities locally, and was awarded \$10.

The auxiliary also earned a special certificate from the Department (state) President for its exceptional work with the history program.

The auxiliary's Buddy Poppy display also gained two awards, second overall for the display and another special certificate from the Department President.

Moore noted that recognition goes to Roxane Miller, who creates the display each year for the VFW Hall. It has been taken to national conventions in the past, she noted.

This year, the auxiliary sold Buddy Poppies on May 17, a week ahead of Memorial Day weekend, and raised \$440 in the effort.

A third special certificate was received for exceptional work in the National Scholarship Program. Moore said the fact Imperial's auxiliary awards a local \$250 scholarship each year contributed to that.

The auxiliary also received Certificates of Participation in the following areas: Cancer aid and research, Americanism, Veterans and family support, Legislative program, Hospital program, Patriot's Pen, Calendar, Chief of Staff and for being a Healthy Ladies Auxiliary.

Moore and Teresa Groff, local secretary and State Flag Bearer, attended the convention.

Moore is moving up in the state officer positions, and was installed at the convention as Department Chaplain. She will serve as State Department President in 2015-16.