



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Youth/Camp Trotter Bulletin – Oct/Nov 2025

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**National Theme: *From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free***  
**Department Theme: *We Don't Know Them All, But We Own Them All***

### Youth:

The Holiday Season is nearly upon us with Halloween just around the corner! Think about how you can bless the underprivileged youth in your community. In my community, we have The Whaley Center that house children in need of foster care. They are always in need of clothing and personal care items – and how special would it be for these children to receive something they want instead of only what they need?



Or investigate the local warming/homeless shelters and soup kitchens to see how many children they serve? Some ideas are providing backpacks filled with warm socks, hats, gloves, snacks, and maybe a small toy that would be their very own. Donate your time and spend a few hours playing games and reading with those children. Reading one on one counts as being a Reading Buddy!

Keep promoting the Illustrating America Art Contest. If you have more entries than you can accommodate, consider sharing with another Auxiliary. Begin planning your awards ceremony. March will be here before you know it.

Keep encouraging, and honoring, our youth that honor our Veterans and demonstrate Patriotism by presenting them with the certificates and R.A.P. cards. You can print them from MALTA or create your own. Get our youth involved in all you do. Keep them involved by showing how much you appreciate them. One Auxiliary reported they had the youth lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Another had their youth group help with their fish fries and then made a large donation to that group to thank them for their service.



Remember, to keep building those relationships with the families and grow your membership!

### Reporting:

Keep reporting! While I want to know all you do, focus on the Achievements and Department Award categories. I enjoy reading each and every report that is submitted! You are amazing! Please remember to include the number of Youth Groups or individual Youth on your report. When in doubt, report it anyway. If you have any questions, ask!

### **Camp Trotter Table Fundraiser:**

Districts 4, 5, 6, & 7 should be putting together their baskets for Fall Conference. Districts are welcome to donate multiple baskets, and Auxiliaries may donate their own baskets, as well. Due to Charitable Gaming Commission Licensing, we can only sell tickets on the day we draw. Please get your baskets to the Auxiliary Camp Trotter table on Friday morning as our drawing will be held Friday near the end of the day.



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Fall Conference – Districts 4, 5, 6, 7

Mid-Winter – Districts 8, 9, 10, 11

Conventions – Districts 12, 13, 14, 15



Another Family Day has come and gone. I was sorry to have missed it this year due to an emergency. I heard everyone had a great time! The docks are out for the winter and camp has been closed until next year. As far as I know, there will be kids camp next year. I will let you know if I hear otherwise.

And, as always, please reach out if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or just want to say hi.

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