



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Youth/Camp Trotter Bulletin – June/July 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:

It's a new Program year! Start working together with your Auxiliary to identify different youth groups you can support and/or put to work. After-school groups, church groups, and Boy/Girl Scouts, or create your own group. These are only a few ideas. Individual youth and youth groups can be included in all your other program activities. Start planning events to include youth of all ages that target each of the National objectives.



Some ideas are to create a Reading Buddy Program in conjunction with your local library or school. Donate the books to be read. Let young readers show off their new skills by reading to Veterans. Have older kids read to younger ones. The options are as endless as your creativity. Patriotism through Literacy can be combined with the Reading Buddy Program by choosing historical or creative non-fiction books. Helping kids understand our history teaches patriotism while encouraging literacy.

Cultivate the artistic creativity of our youth. Now is the perfect time to begin promoting Illustrating America for students in grades K-8. The deadlines for Entries to your local Auxiliary is March 31<sup>st</sup> and to the Department, by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Full requirements and rules can be found on the Department website under Programs/Youth Camp Trotter.



Remember, that involving youth in all we do builds relationships with families which can lead to new members!

### Camp Trotter:

There will be no kids camp this year, but the camp still needs volunteers to help with clean-up and donations for maintaining buildings, grounds, and equipment

### Camp Trotter Table Fundraiser:

We will continue to do the Basket Raffle, four Districts per Conference. Districts are welcome to donate multiple baskets, and Auxiliaries may donate their own baskets. 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 the Friday morning of each Conference.

Fall Conference – Districts 4, 5, 6, 7

Mid-Winter – Districts 8, 9, 10, 11

Convention – Districts 12, 13, 14, 15



Remember the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Camp Trotter Golf Outing is Sunday, June 22nd at the Village Green Golf Club in Newaygo, Michigan. Followed by a Steak Dinner. Cabins are available, please reach out to the Department VFW.

Camp Trotter Family Day will be August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Watch the website for upcoming Clean-up Days.

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

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