



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Youth/Camp Trotter Bulletin – April/May 2026

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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*

Housekeeping:

Spring is here and our year is winding down. April 20th is our last day for accepting reports for 2025-2026, so get those reports in! Even though the year is ending, the work is endless and none of it would get done without volunteers like you. Thank you, everyone, for your all your hard work! I've loved reading your reports! It has truly been an honor to serve as your Youth/Camp Trotter Chairman this past year.



March 31st was the deadline to submit the form for the National Youth Activities award. Thank you for your submissions! The Department of Michigan is quite creative and very hardworking. Department Achievement Awards will be given at our June Convention. You have all done a fantastic job of supporting our Youth and Camp Trotter!

Youth:

All entries to your Auxiliary for Illustrating America should have been received for judging. Please submit your winners to Department no later than April 15th. Don't forget to report (no later than April 20th) the number of entries you received, the dollar value of awards given, and if your Auxiliary hosted a recognition and awards ceremony for those Youth who participated. Continue handing out those citations for Youth that go above and beyond and to those Youth Groups that support our Veterans.

Our Auxiliaries, Veterans, Schools, and Youth have benefitted from our Reading Buddy Programs across the State. Don't forget that choosing books from Patriotism through Literacy gets your Auxiliary credit for both Achievements.

Remember, every way that you interact with the Youth in your community is an opportunity to build relationships with their families and grow your membership! Also, remember that you should have parental consent for all activities, so get those waivers signed!



Camp Trotter Table Fundraiser:

Districts 12, 13, 14, 15 should be putting together their baskets for the Convention. Some theme ideas are Sports, Coffee, Games, Camping, Gardening, and Picnic. Use your creativity! All items should be new or like-new. Districts are welcome to donate multiple baskets and Auxiliaries may donate their own baskets, as well. We will draw half the baskets on **THURSDAY** and half on **FRIDAY**. Please get your baskets to the Auxiliary Camp Trotter table first thing Friday morning.

Convention – Districts 12, 13, 14, 15



Camp Trotter needs help with clean-up. Watch for dates to be posted or put your own group together and contact Department for a day or weekend that works for you. Applications for Camp should be posted on the Camp Trotter website. Applications for staff have been posted, also.

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

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