



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Youth/Camp Trotter Bulletin – Aug/Sept 2025

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Facebook Page: Youth Activities/Camp Trotter - Michigan

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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 new school year is looming! Plan your promotion of the Illustrating America Art Contest in your schools and talk to those K-8 teachers. If you haven't yet created your Reading Buddy Program, it's not too late. The beginning of the school year is a great time to build partnerships with teachers. Ask if you can come and read the class, or maybe the class can come to your Post and read to your Veterans.



Combine the Reading Buddy Program with the Patriotism Through Literacy Program and donate books to be read from the list on MALTA.

Now is also the time to check with your schools about sponsoring a Youth Group. Many schools host Robotics groups, Boy/Girl Scout Troops, Chess Clubs, etc. These groups can use donations of snacks, items used in their projects, funds to travel to competitions and purchase uniforms, and volunteers.

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

### Reporting:

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. Also, keep in mind the Achievements listed on the Guide Sheet. When in doubt, report it anyway. If you have any questions, ask!

### Camp Trotter Table Fundraiser:

Districts 4, 5, 6, & 7 start planning your 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  
Convention – Districts 12, 13, 14, 15



The Camp Trotter Golf Outing was a lot of fun and a lot of work! It was HOT and very windy. Thank goodness for that breeze. Pictures are on the Program Facebook page and the Department VFW Facebook page.

Camp Trotter Family Day is August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Come out and join us! Bring a dish to pass.

Clean-up days are being handled differently this year. There is a sign-up sheet to register your own group and pick your own date. The sign-up sheet can be found on the Department website under Programs/Youth/Camp Trotter.

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

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