



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Youth Activities Guide Sheet 2023-2024

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National Theme: Banding Together for our Veterans

Department Theme: Our Veterans, The Angels Among Us

What a great chairmanship! YOUTH ACTIVITIES! Having the opportunity to present VFW Auxiliary Programs to a young mind, hungry for knowledge is so exciting. Working together we can introduce our young people to Patriotism, the importance of Veterans and how they can be a strong positive influence on the future. Presenting the VFW Auxiliary Programs and working with the Youth gives us the opportunity to help them focus on the positive side of life and appreciate the fact that they have the power to become responsible citizens.

I love to see the wide-eyed wonderment of my five-year-old grandson every time he tells me something he learned or the pride in the voice of my teenage grandson when he tells me how he volunteered to help someone in need. It doesn't matter what the age of the young people we serve, what is important is - we take the time to show the way to a positive outcome. Remember, it all starts with you – Together we are “Banding Together for our Veterans” – because we care enough to educate our youth & teach them - “Our Veterans, Angels Among Us!”

In Michigan we have an extra special Youth Activity in Camp Trotter (the most beautiful Youth Camp in the State of Michigan) & it happens to be run by the Department of Michigan VFW (with help from the Auxiliary). I will be updating you about Camp Trotter as the year goes on in my monthly bulletins.

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about Patriotism Through literacy and utilizing the Random Act of patriotism card (R.A.P.)
 - Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that educates their community about Patriotism Through Literacy and utilizes the Random Act of Patriotism card (R.A.P.) Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Youth Activities Chairman by March 31, 2024, for judging.
 - The Department Youth Activities Chairman must email National Headquarters by April 30, 2024 at info@vfwauxiliary.org a total combined list of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.
 - Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters
 - Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event that educates their community about Patriotism Through literacy and utilizing the Random Act of patriotism card (R.A.P.)
 - The Department Youth Activities Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to the National Youth Activities Ambassador April 30, 2024, for judging.
 - Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

- Best Auxiliary working with and/or sponsoring Youth Groups in each membership category \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best Overall Promotion/participation in the Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best Overall Promotion/participation in the Patriotic Youth Award Program \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best Overall Promotion/participation in Patriotism through Literacy \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best Overall Promotion/participation in the Illustrating America Program \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best Overall Promotion/participation in the Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue Program! \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best Overall Promotion/participation of Camp Trotter program \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Citation to each Auxiliary donating to the Camp Trotter Scholarship/General Fund

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR STUDENTS

- Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue winner in each grade division (K-8, & 9-12) receives \$50.
- Illustrating America winner in each grade division (K-2, 3-5, & 6-8) receive \$50.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

1 -10-36	#2 -37-50	#3 51-68	#4 - 69-84	#5 - 85-98
#6 - 99-115	#7 - 116-139	#8 -140-166	#9 -167-237	#10 -238-OVER

Achievements	Completed	Reported
How many Youth Groups did your Auxiliary sponsor, and/or worked with?		
Auxiliary recognized a youth group by presenting a "Youth Group Supporting our Veterans Citation" (Report number of citations presented).		
How many Youth worked with you on your project?		
Did your Auxiliary participate in Patriotism through Literacy program?		
How many books did your auxiliary donate to the Patriotism through Literacy program?		
Did your Auxiliary promoted/participate in the Red, White and Blue singing contest		
How many students submitted entries for the Red, White and Blue singing contest		
How many entries submitted to Department for the Red, White and Blue singing contest?		
Did your Auxiliary hold an award ceremony for the Red, White and Blue singing contest?		
Total dollar amount of money your Auxiliary spent for the Red, White and Blue singing contest for awards?		
Auxiliary promoted/participated in the Illustrating America Art Contest?		
How many Students submitted entries for Illustrating America Art Contest?		
How many entries submitted to Department for the Illustrating America Art Contest		
Did your Auxiliary hold an award ceremony for Illustrating America Art Contest		
Total dollar amount of money your Auxiliary spent for Illustrating America Art Contest awards?		

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