



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Youth Activities/Camp Trotter Guide Sheet 2024-25

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National Theme: From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans

Department Theme: Aspire to Inspire

PROGRAM GOALS

**Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups - Youth Groups Supporting our Veterans Citations -
Patriotic Youth Award - Patriotism through Literacy - Illustrating America**

I am excited to take on my first chairmanship this year with the Youth/Camp Trotter program! I have worked with children for over 20 years and now I am able to connect my two passions, involving children and supporting Veterans. I am thrilled at the idea of teaching our children about Veterans, their sacrifices, and how we can fully support them.

YOUTH

As you will notice when looking through the guide sheet the Red, White, and Blue singing contest is not listed. Although it is sad to see the contest go, it gives us the opportunity to put our efforts into supporting youth groups and bringing them into our other programs! Remember, you can include youth with many of our other chairmanships (e.g., hold a buddy poppy drive with them, ask them to participate in serving dinner, etc.) and still report it here. The children we work with can be the “branches” while we are the “roots” feeding them the information they need to extend service to our Veterans.

CAMP TROTTER

75 years!!! Camp Trotter is celebrating 75 years! How lucky are we to have this gem in our backyard? It is the only VFW sponsored camp in the country and we can send our kids ages 7-12 there for a week at a time annually. Please keep an eye out for cleaning dates, Camp Trotter Family Day (come see what it is all about), and other fun Camp Trotter news in the bulletins throughout the year.

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event of youth reading to veterans and/or veterans reading to youth.
 - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most outstanding activity and/or event of youth reading to veterans and/or veterans reading to youth.

Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to their Department Youth Activities Chairman by March 31, 2025 for judging.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

- Best outstanding activity and/or event of youth reading to veterans and/or veterans reading to youth in every membership category. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best overall working with and/or sponsoring youth groups. \$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 Illustrating America art contest. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best overall promotion/participation in Camp Trotter program. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR STUDENTS

- 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
Number of youth groups you worked with this program year		
Number of youth you worked with during the current program year		
Number of "Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans" citations awarded		
Participate in Patriotism through Literacy		
Number of books donated in participation of Patriotism through Literacy		
Promote the Illustrating America art contest		
Number of students who submitted art entries for Illustrating America art contest		
Number of art entries submitted to Department from your Auxiliary for judging		
Host an award ceremony to recognize awardees and participants in Illustrating America art contest		
Total dollar amount and/or value of awards presented for Illustrating America art contest		
Donate to Camp Trotter Scholarship fund		
Purchase a Life Membership to Camp Trotter		
Attend and register at a School of Instruction – District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference		
Attend and register at own District Meeting		
Report every quarter		

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