

Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
BULLETIN
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National Theme:

Department Theme: Tell Our Story of Service

I hope everyone had a great summer and were able to get out and about a little more and spend time with family and friends.

Youth:

As school gets back under way now is the time to get in touch with those teachers and see if they can maybe help assist in our programs. Some of the Elementary levels have reading "Buddy" programs where they have others come in and guest read. Maybe you can work something out to read some patriotic books. Purchase some or work with a librarian to find some fun easy to understand books (based on grade level) and go in to read to them. These stories can help educated them on our nations patriotic history. Come on now everyone remembers the cartoon of "how a bill becomes a law". Patriotism through literacy can also foster a love of reading if you make it fun and different way to learn about history. Maybe you make it a series and at the end you can donate those books to the class or provide them with patriotic coloring sheets or Patriotic pencils or small flags. But whatever you do, please report it.

Camp:

Hope those of you that were able to make it to CAMP TROTTER family day enjoyed the fun and fellowship. Our camp is a beautiful place for our kids to go and just be kids for a week each summer. Perhaps they will learn something new and make new and everlasting friends. The camp is getting on in years and is now requiring a little more TLC for the future. So while we have been shut down now two summers the committee has been trying to tackle some of those projects so when campers can return it is in tip top shape. Please continue to show support by sending in general use donations, or Scholarship, arts and crafts or even cleaning supply donations. Our kids are just waiting to back to Camp.

There will be a Silver Dollar Table at Fall Conference. Please bring or send in your new or slightly used items for our game. Handmade items as well like crochet towels or wash cloths or even a plate of cookies or fudge are all welcome. All proceeds go to help Camp Trotter.

Youth:

As School gets back under way another item to reach out to teachers is the Illustrating America contest. Print of a couple of copies of the rules and applications and go to your middle and elementary schools and try to encourage the art teachers to work with you and present this art contest to their students and see if they will work it into their school work or pick out a couple of students willing to enter. The Local Auxiliary level deadline is not until March 31, 2022 but now is the time to get the kids thinking. Art must be two dimensional and on canvas or paper. Art should not be smaller than 8"x10" or bigger than 18"x24". Watercolors, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media may be used. Entries will be judged on Patriotic theme and technique. There are three age divisions Kindergarten to 2nd grade / 3rd -5th grade /6th -8th grade. The winner from each grade division will be forwarded to National Headquarters for judging.

GOOD LUCK ARTIST

Camp:

Again please do not forget to donate to the silver dollar table at Fall Conference September 30 thru October 4th at Boyne Highlands or the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference. The money raised from these events help fund our Camp. You bring in items I mark them with a number. Then you come to conference and play the game and if your get lucky and draw a number you win the corresponding prize. Slightly used or loved items or new (re Gifted from Aunt Petunia) items are welcomed. If you feel crafty towels with the tops crochet are wonderful or the crochet wash cloths. Little plates of fudge or cookies will even work. Be creative, anything to get more people to play will get more our kids camp.

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