

Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
YOUTH ACTIVITIES BULLETIN
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National Theme: Catch the Dream for Our Veterans

Department Theme: Strength and Unity for Our Veterans

Welcome to your new year of excitement!!!! You have chosen to work with our youth; to guide them in working with our Veterans and their families. To lead them in interacting with Veterans and veterans programs. Teaching them how our veterans service to our country has kept us a free country under God.

With your guidance they will learn there are many ways to help Veterans. Such as doing yard work and gardening. Making cards to send to hospitalized and active duty veterans etc. Be sure to take the time to fill out the paperwork to get a Citation to present to them.

Every community has many youth groups which you will be able to work with or sponsor. You can give a pizza party or give them a donation for items they may need for their projects. Have a flag folding and flag etiquette class for them to attend. Also take time to teach them about the Missing Man Table.

There are many youth who participate in sports, academics, scouting, and many other activities. Be sure to recognize these young people for their excellence. Citation, recognition certificate, or dinner can be given. Have them lead the Pledge of Allegiance or National Anthem; have them speak about what they do.

Share your involvement with these and other youth groups in the media. You can go on Facebook, tweet, newspaper, T.V. If you make posters and/or fliers for your event report those also.

When you see a youth doing a Random Act of Kindness give them either a R.A.P. card or coin. Be sure to report these random acts. Include how many cards and/or coins you gave and what their acts were.

Have a day where you can have youth and Veterans get together for interviews for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. You can also go to nursing homes, and senior citizens housing. It can be all foreign war Veterans young and old. Remember our Veterans are everywhere. To find out more information on this project go to: www.loc.gov and follow directions to get the kit and brochure, needed to start you on your way.

Plan your project around your goals. How many goals can you complete in that project?

Be sure to report all projects whether you are sure or not. You can never over report.

If you are in need of R.A.P. cards you can go to the youth chairmanship on the Department web site to make copies. Or you can purchase R.A.P. coins from the VFW Store. Be sure to carry them with you at all times because you never know when you will use them.

Remember to report any youth that help you on your poppy days poppy campaign. Be sure to invite your youth to Fourth of July picnic and have them help with the veterans. Michigan Day is August 6. Be sure to attend and take your youth with you. Camp Trotter Family Day is August 19 take your kids, grandkids, neighbor kids, or any young people you would like to show our great camp to.

When you apply for a National citation remember they won't be processed until August after the new officers are seated. Remember its only one citation per group per program year.

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