

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

*Department Theme: Strength and Unity for Our Veterans*

Please take notice that due to the delay in completing the reporting portion of our new Department website, President Bonnie has waived the first quarter reporting requirement for judging of the programs and Auxiliary and District Achievement. You may submit your reports with the actual date the project was held.

Camp Trotter camping is over for the year. Did you send children to camp? I'm sure they had fun. Be sure to report this under both Camp Trotter and Youth. Camp Trotter Day was on August 19, 2017. Did you take any youth with you? Be sure to report how many youth from your Auxiliary family were there.

Did any of your Auxiliary members attend Michigan Day at the National Home? Hopefully there were many first timers there. Were you able to interact with any of the children who live there? How many? Did your children or grandchildren attend with you? This is a beautiful place for all to see and to be proud of. Be sure to report it.

Now is the time of year our children are returning to school. Did your auxiliary do a drive for school supplies, donate them to children in need? Or did you take them to your local schools? Or maybe even send them to our National Home? Maybe you helped a family in need with back to school clothing. Please report.

This year we have an achievement for our youth to participate with our veterans. It is the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. High school youth are welcome to participate, however, our focal point will be on middle and junior high school youth (grades 6, 7 and 8). What a perfect age for these youth meet veterans and begin or advance the understanding of their freedom and patriotism. Also, what a great way for our youth to learn more than what's in the history books? They learn by interviewing your local veterans. You can get more information on the internet to: Library of Congress Veterans History Project Brochure and [Kit.www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov). Information is also available at the [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org) website.

How about inviting teachers to a meeting or hold a learning fair for them to learn about what can be done for our veterans. They can take the information back with them and incorporate into their teaching curriculum.

Please keep reporting all you do. Hope to see you at Fall Conference.

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