

Youth Activities

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Bulletin #1

Hello- I want to give more of an introduction of myself, I am Debbie Bowling, and I am on my third term as Auxiliary President of Ward Roney Jr. VFW Post 7511 in Monroe. I was ask if I would step up and be the Youth Activities Chairman for 2025-2026, I am very thankful to Robyn for ask me. I am very excited for the upcoming year. As I stated at SOI, I am just stepping into this role and will be learning as I go. If you have ideas, or information you would like to share I am one who would help that.

I am a proud Navy Veteran, wife to a retired Navy Veteran, and mother of three. Out oldest son is a US Marine. I am also a grandmother of eight, ages seven months to 14 years old. I served on the USS McKee AS-41, a submarine tender stationed at Ballast Point/Point Loma, California. That is where my husband and I met 39 years ago. My involvement with the VFW began at one of their Pancake breakfasts 8 years ago. I did not serve during the time of conflict or overseas, I qualified under my husband. I have a huge passion for our active duty military, their families and all of our veterans.

I work as the kitchen manager at an elementary school, I love my job for I have summers off to be more active with the VFW and Fallen Hero Banners. I volunteer for a Journey Home Rescue by helping transport dogs going into foster or to their new families. I enjoy being home with my 3 rescue dogs, Max, Hemi & Stella.

First and for most **thank-you** for being the Youth Activity Chairman for your auxiliary. I am looking forward to working with each one of you.

Check out the 2025-2026 Program Book in Malta for this year's Youth Activities Ambassador Shannon Stanley; she offers valuable information in her program.

Youth Activities Programs

- Patriotism through Literacy
- Reading Buddies
- Illustrating America Art Contest
- Sponsoring & working with Youth Groups
- Youth Groups Supporting our Veterans

I have District Presidents at SOI packets with a few key documents:

- Youth Activities End of Year report- Due 4/15/26
- 10 Tips for working with Youth
- Youth Photo Release Form
- R.A.P Cards & Youth Acts of Kindness Certificate info sheet
- QR Code the Auxiliary Activities Programs to use on a card

Please use the following #hashtags on all your social media posts. I look forward to seeing that amazing things your auxiliaries do this year.

#youthactivities

#auxreadingbuddy

Fair Winds & Following Seas,

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