

Auxiliary Youth Activities Bulletin #4

Engagement Beyond the Program Year

As the 2025-2026 program year concludes, it remains essential to stay engaged with our youth even after the submission of official reports. Sustaining these connections helps our youth feel continuously supported and included throughout the year.

Fostering Belonging and Growing Membership

Youth participation is invaluable. By including them in all our activities, we cultivate a sense of belonging and encourage the development of future membership.

Highlights of Auxiliary Youth Activities

Many Auxiliaries have shared wonderful activities on social media, including:

- Cards and pictures were created for Veterans.
- Youth assisting Auxiliaries during holidays by participating in parades, placing flags and wreaths, and cleaning cemeteries.
- Hosting parties for occasions such as Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter.

Recognizing Youth Contributions

Remember to honor your youth groups by presenting them with a patriotic youth award. A fillable, printable version of this award is available in MALTA under Resources/Youth Activities.

Upcoming Patriotic Dates

There are several important dates remaining to continue working with and educating our youth on patriotism:

- May 16th - Armed Forces Day
- May 25th - Memorial Day
- June 14th - Flag Day
- July 4th - Independence Day (America 250)

Sharing Activities and Acknowledgments

Please continue to share your Youth Activities on social media to let others know what you are accomplishing. Use the hashtag #vfwauxyouthactivities.

Thank you to all Auxiliaries for your hard work throughout the year. We appreciate everyone who took the time to complete their End of Year Reports.

Youth Art Contest

One of the highlights of Youth Activities is the “Illustrating Youth Art Contest.” The creativity and talent of the children are remarkable, and their unique perspectives of America are beautifully portrayed in their artwork. I am excited to share these pieces at the Convention in June.

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