

Youth Activities Promotion #1 | July 2023

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Hi all, I am the 2023-2024 Youth Activities Chair for the Department of Washington Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. I am a Life Member of Narrows Bridge Auxiliary 10018 in Tacoma.

As stated by our National Ambassador, Joyce Caldwell, the youth today are our leaders of tomorrow. It is our job to instill in our youth the value and importance of our Veterans and teach them to understand freedom and respect. We do this by supporting activities around R.A. P. (acknowledging and aiding our Veterans). Promote our love and devotion to our country. Teach them how to fold a flag, the flag salute, the retiring of the flag ceremony, wreaths across America and flag day as a few examples.

Education is the key to helping our youth become who they will be tomorrow.

Here are the 2023-2024 Youth Programs to aide you in educating the youth.

PATRIOTISM THROUGH LITERACY – reading among our youth.

SUPPORTING AND WORKING WITH YOUTH GROUPS – including working with older youth.

GET EXCITED FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE! – through our national anthem singing contest.

ILLUSTRATING AMERICA – express patriotism in art of students K-8.

A copy of the Contest information will be provided to you at the School of Instruction along with the websites were you can locate and share within your District Auxiliaries.

I contacted some of the Auxiliaries and asked the question “What does your Auxiliary or District do to Promote and support our Youth Programs in the community?”

Auxiliary 9079 – The youth participate in the retirement of the Flag Ceremony and learn how to properly fold the flag prior to the retiring of the flag. Participate in the Illustrating America, love the artwork seeing America through the eyes of our youth. Helping the elderly and building the bridge of respect.

Auxiliary 2329 – Partner with the Scouts on clothing drives and their Color Guard and Honors on special events in their District. They are involved in the Youth Essay Contest and R.A.P.

Auxiliary 2224 – Love Flag Day by going to schools and allowing the youth to hand out flags. Participate in making or giving cards to the Honor Flight and other Veterans that do not have as much mobility.

Auxiliary 969 – Sends out Cards with a Buddy Poppy and a Flag to our Veterans at the VA and Orting soldiers home and to local Post Veterans on Veterans Day.

Auxiliary 1470 – Puts on a Family Fun day with good old fashioned games and a picnic. They enjoy an annual parade and Ceremony on Constitution Day. They partner with the Scouts and are involved with the POW/MIA day ceremony that includes the local fireman and police.

What's your story?

Please contact me and give me some of your pride in our youth by sharing with the Department.

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I Look forward to meeting you at the School of Instruction!