

Youth Activities

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Announcements

With Veterans Day being celebrated this month it is a great opportunity to teach and/or remind our youth of why Veterans Day is so important and who our veterans are.

If your post is having an event for Veterans Day you can have the youth help serve food, pass out homemade cards, and read with our veterans. Also an FYI many schools are closed on Veterans Day so the youth would not have to miss school to join you.

Be sure to check out the Veterans Day coloring pages that are posted on the Department of MD Auxiliary Youth Activities page.

Dates to remember

National Veterans & Military Family Month

Marine Corps Day/Birthday Nov. 10

Veterans Day Nov. 11

Armistice/Remembrance Day Nov. 11

Thanksgiving Day Fourth Thursday in November



Did you know?

National Young Readers Week is November 11th–15th. And it's the perfect opportunity to introduce your young ones to the incredible world of books. Did you know that children learn between 4,000 to 12,000 words per year by simply reading, no matter what book it is? Young Readers Week raises awareness about the importance of reading and it is a great time to help your kids develop a fiery passion for reading.



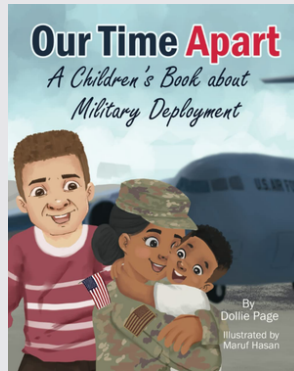
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Suggested reading

The Mini Military series focuses on introducing young readers to the various branches of the US military. Lil' Marine highlights what it's like to be in the US Marine Corps, focusing on uniforms, bases, and parachutes, and introducing toddlers to military vehicles, such as the amphibious assault vehicles and aircraft. Perfect for military families, those with veterans in their family, or for anyone looking to expose their youngest readers to parts of American society, this book and the series is sure to inspire and celebrate our brave service men and women.

[Click here for the "Lil' Marine" book](#)



Our Time Apart: A Children's Book About Military Deployment is a story about a boy named Jeremiah, whose mom is deployed in the Air Force. With the support of his family, Jeremiah learns to be strong and patient as he waits for his mom's return. When she finally comes back, he is overjoyed and grateful to have her home safe and sound. This story highlights the challenges and emotions that children of military families may face, but also shows the resilience and strength they can develop in coping with these challenges.

[Click here for the "Our Time Apart: A Children's Book About Military Deployment" book.](#)

Information from National

There was a change to the Illustrating American Contest. The form has been updated and placed on MALTA Member Resources, Youth Activities. It is REQUIRED for the student's name and grade to be written on the back of every art entry. Please be sure the entry form is correctly and completely filled out.

Just a reminder- If the art entry is matted the matt is included in the art size. Local entries are due to Auxiliaries by March 31st, 2025.

For more information visit our Department website, and visit the Youth Activities page for the most up to date entry form.

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