



Youth Activities DECEMBER 2024

Announcements

Recently I have received quite a few reports with missing information. If I have emailed you to ask for the information please send it to me so that we can have accurate totals for reporting. If I do not get an answer back it will be recorded as a ZERO for that part of the report. You are doing the work, let's make sure you get the credit. When writing your reports if you write the number of youth at the bottom, please be sure to fill in the section at the top that says "ESTIMATED NUMBER OF YOUTH INVOLVED".

**As of November 19th, we are 55% reported!
That's good, but we can do better!!!**

Dates to remember

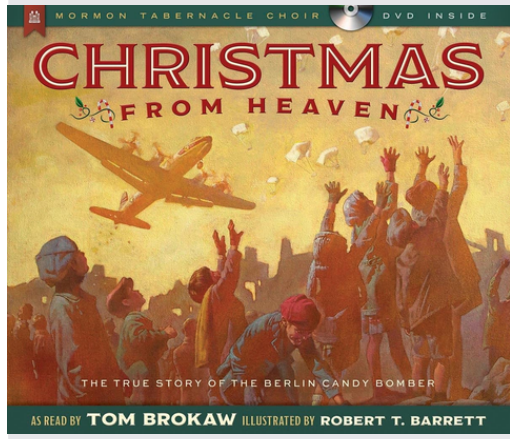
- Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday- Dec. 1
- National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day- Dec. 7
- U.S. National Guard Birthday- Dec. 13
- National Wreaths Across America- Dec. 18
- Hanukkah Begins- Dec. 25, 2024 - Jan. 2, 2025



- Christmas Day- Dec. 25
- Kwanzaa- Dec. 26 - Jan. 1
- New Year's Eve- Dec. 31



Suggested reading



Christmas from Heaven is the story of the humble beginnings of what became a beacon of hope to a war-torn land, the story of Gail Halvorsen, a young pilot in the US Army Air Corps who was assigned as a cargo pilot to the Berlin Airlift, in which US forces flew much-needed supplies into a Soviet-blockaded Berlin.

As he performed his duties, Lt. Halvorsen began to notice the German children gathered by the fences of Tempelhof Air Base. Knowing that they had very little, he one day offered them some chewing gum. From that small act, an idea sprang: He would bomb Berlin with candy. Fashioning small parachutes, he and his crew sent them floating down as they approached the Berlin airport, wiggling the wings of their C-54 as a signal to the children that their anticipated cargo would soon arrive.

[Click here for the "Christmas from Heaven" book](#)





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Don't forget!!

National is looking for Auxiliaries to host an event where Veterans read to children and children read to Veterans. If you are hosting a winter holiday event for youth maybe consider adding that aspect to your event so that you can apply for the national award.

Also be sure to take pictures!!!

The following information can also be found on MALTA under Member Resources- Youth Activities:

Most outstanding activity and/or event of youth reading to veterans and/or veterans reading to youth.

Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event of youth reading to veterans and/or veterans reading to youth.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the completed entry form to the Department Youth Activities Chairman by March 31, 2025 for judging.

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