



Youth Activities

APRIL 2025



Announcements

REPORTING:

We are in the home stretch for this reporting year. As a reminder all reports must be turned in by April 15th. If you are not sure if you're Auxiliary has reported please email me ASAP and I can check for you. Please don't wait to the last minute to ask. In last month's promotion I shared reporting information and Youth Activities ideas. Please be sure to reference that if you need any last minute ideas.

ILLUSTRATING AMERICA CONTEST DEADLINES AND REMINDERS:

March 31st Local Auxiliaries must receive the entries by this date.

April 15th Entries must be given to Youth Activities Chairperson Crystal Hallen

May 5th to National Headquarters Please see the student brochure and entry form in MALTA Member Resources, and it can also be found on the VFW AUX MD (<https://vfwauxmd.org/>).

A special note from Crystal:

Mailing the entries is preferred. If you mail them please be sure to get the tracking information for the package. Arrangements might be able to be made, please don't wait to the last minute to make arrangements. I am a full time teacher and sometimes I do have preplanned activities on the weekends. Also please refrain from giving out my personal information to any contestants.

Youth Activities Program Award

The form must be turned in to the Youth Activities Chairman by March 31st, 2025 for judging. The form can be found on MALTA under Member Resources, Youth Activities.

National is looking for the most outstanding activity and/or event of YOUTH READING TO VETERANS AND/OR VETERANS READING TO YOUTH.



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Did you know???

The entire month of April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, but April 15th has a special place in that observance. Held on April 15th of each year, "Purple Up! For Military Kids" is a day for Department of Defense Education Activity communities to wear purple to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Purple Up! Day will be celebrated on Monday, April 15, 2024.



Ways to Celebrate Purple Up! Day

Purple Up! Day is not a national holiday, so there are no school closings, days off from work, or post office closures.

A great deal of this important observance is done at the local and grassroots level. However, the official site for the Department of Defense Education Activity states during the entire month of April it urges schools and parents to "...plan special events to honor military children and have administrators and principals incorporate the themes of this month into their everyday duties and responsibilities."

You can help observe Purple Up! Day by doing any of the following:

- Wear Purple on April 15th
- Go grassroots and make requests of your schools, elected officials, and local businesses to wear purple on April 15th in support of the occasion
- Recognize military children on April 15th
- Involve schools, sports teams, youth organizations, clubs, after-school programs, fraternal organizations, social clubs, coworkers, and members of your organizations
- Publicize military installation events scheduled on Purple Up! Day
- Request that your local school newsletters/newspapers/social media publicize Month of the Military Child events and activities hosted by the installation/community on or around the 15th



[Click here for more information about Purple Up! Day.](#)



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Dates to remember

Month of the Military Child Entire Month of April

Military Saves Month Entire Month of April

Gold Star Spouses Day April 5

National Former POW Recognition Day April 9

Passover April 12 to April 20, 2025

Air Force Reserve Birthday April 14

Purple Up! Day

April 15

Good Friday April 18, 2025

Easter April 20, 2025

Earth Day April 22

Army Reserve Birthday April 23

National Military Brats Day April 30

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