

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Department of Maryland YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Hello Department of Maryland VFW Auxiliary members! I'm excited to step into the role of Youth Activities Chairman for the remainder of this program year. To kick things off, I'm spotlighting each of the Youth Activities Program goals—and together, we'll build on them to make an even greater impact.

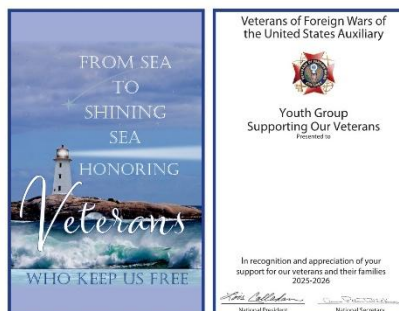
Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups

The Youth Activities Program offers a great way for Auxiliaries to sponsor youth groups and get young people involved in projects that honor veterans or support military families. When youth participate in service alongside your Auxiliary, it can spark interest and lead to new members joining your ranks.



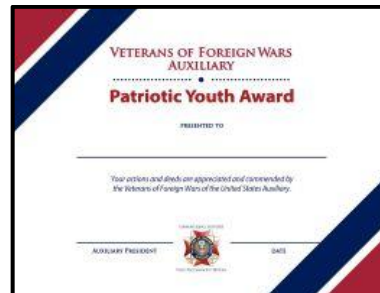
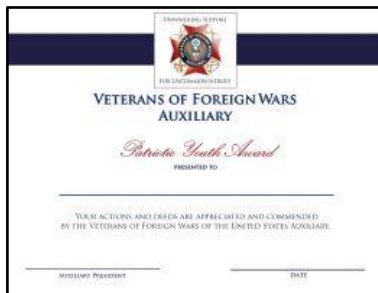
Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations

Want to spotlight youth making a difference? The Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citation is a great way for Auxiliaries to honor youth groups for their service to veterans and military families. You'll find the citation form in MALTA's Member Resources under Youth Activities.



Patriotic Youth Award

Do you know a young person who goes above and beyond to support our veterans and military families? The Patriotic Youth Award is a wonderful way to recognize their patriotism and dedication. You can find a fillable, printable version in MALTA's Member Resources under Youth Activities.

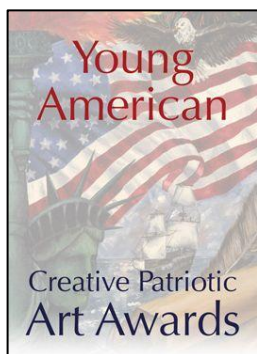


Patriotism through Literacy

Spark a love of reading in young minds with this fun and easy program! It's a great way to help youth discover inspiring historical figures and learn about important moments in our nation's story—while building habits that support lifelong learning.



Illustrating America



Illustrating America is a fun and inspiring way to get K-8 students and their families excited about learning what the VFW Auxiliary does to support our heroes and strengthen our communities. Entries are judged on patriotic theme and technique. The contest consists of three grade divisions: K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. The Department first-place winner in each division will be forwarded to Auxiliary National Headquarters where they will participate in the National competition! There are National Awards for first, second and third place in each grade division. The first, second and third place entry in each grade division will be displayed at National Convention 2026.

Include Youth Participation in all Auxiliary Programs.



I look forward to working with you,
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