YOUTH ACTIVITIES July 2025

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Welcome to an exciting new VFW Auxiliary Program Year! I'm honored that President Kim has asked me to stay on as the Youth Activities Chairman for 2025-2026. Shannon Stanley, our new National Ambassador, reminds us that we all have something to share with our youth. She says, "Being an Auxiliary member and a part of something as special as the VFW Auxiliary gives us a family of brothers and sisters with a variety of special skills and ideas that can be shared to make a difference with today's youth." Our youth are our future, and we can make an effort to include them in our Auxiliary projects and events as we serve our veterans and their families.

"Like seashells, we are beautiful and unique with a story to tell."

National Ambassador Shannon Stanley uses this quote to describe our Youth Activities Program. Molded by our life experiences, we all have a remarkable story to tell. Each of our Auxiliary members are special and possess distinctive talents and skills to share, just as our youth do. Together, we can make a powerful difference in the lives of our veterans, our communities, and our country. Our Auxiliary Youth Activities Program (see below) offers several ways to reach out to our youth to boost their patriotism and respect for our veterans. Watch for details in our upcoming monthly bulletins, on our Wisconsin Auxiliary website and on MALTA Member Resources under Youth Activities. Let's make 2025-2026 the year of working together with our youth!

This year the Youth Activities Program will focus on:

- Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups
- Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations
- Patriotic Youth Awards
- R.A.P. Cards
- Youth Acts of Kindness Certificates
- Illustrating America
- Patriotism Through Literacy
- Reading Buddies





