

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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Let's get our kids involved! Your Auxiliary can engage boys and girls in any one of our many Programs, including activities to honor our veterans and display patriotism. What are some things that we can do with our youth? Here are just a few ideas:



- Make cards or gifts for veterans.
- Visit nursing homes and hospitals.
- Deliver groceries to disabled veterans.
- Help a veteran with yard work or repairs.
- Teach computer skills to a veteran.
- Discuss proper flag folding and etiquette.
- Conduct a Missing Man Ceremony.
- Start a VFW Auxiliary Lending Library.
- Send care packages and mail to troops.
- Help with "Buddy" Poppy drives.
- Support the Illustrating America Contest.
- Take part in parades and patriotic events.
- Conduct a flag retirement ceremony.
- Help choose a VFW Scout of the Year.
- Get involved in Wreaths Across America.
- Promote Patriotism Through Literacy.
- Organize food and clothing drives.
- Send cards/gifts to the National Home.
- Recognize youth with patriotic awards.
- Honor students going into the military.
- Award scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Place flags on veterans' graves, and more!



Remember the new deadlines for the **Illustrating America Art Contest**. Artwork and entry forms are due to your Auxiliary by **December 15, 2026**. First-place winners must reach me for Department judging by **January 15, 2027**. It's not too late to contact your local schools and youth groups! For your convenience, this year's entry form is included with this bulletin.