

My name is Maureen (Mo) Sedelow, and I am your SC Youth Program State Chairman for 2026-2027.

My husband of 54 years, Robert (Bob) Sedelow, is a Navy veteran who served in Vietnam on the USS Santa Barbara, AE-28 and just finished being a Commander of North Myrtle Beach VFW Post 10804 for 2 years. and I am honored to be a life member of Auxiliary 10804 and a recent Past President of 3 years.

We have a son, Craig, a daughter Michele and four grandsons and a great granddaughter.

I love to bake, collect fundraising cookbooks, being with family, being a member of the Order of Eastern Star and supporting the work we do for our veterans. Also, I am highly active in volunteering at our post in many positions.

I was a highly active Girl Scout Leader for many years, with over twenty girls in my troop. It was a great feeling to see those girls accomplishing the work on their badges and pursuing new interests. Our daughter pursued her interests and became a Senior Scout learning the values of what scouting was all about and earning many badges and awards.

Now as an auxiliary member and an auxiliary president the past 3 years, I have made a commitment with an area school fifth grade teacher who has her students' writing letters to our post veterans asking them questions of their service. I was overwhelmed with the response of our veterans, wanting to answer the students' questions. This has happened in the past 2 years around Veterans Day. It has been so rewarding...

The youth of today will be our leaders of tomorrow and it is up to us to have them never forget the sacrifices the veterans of their family members and the veterans of our USA have made.

Thank you for your dedication to supporting our veterans and their families.

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Working with our youth of today

Soon fall will be here. Our schools will be full of students wanting to learn and wanting to get involved. It is the time to get into your area schools, libraries, and home school connections to get your information on the many activities our students can get involved with



These students want to learn. Are they raising their hands wanting to learn about activities they can get involved with? I say YES, now let's get our information to them. Here are some activities they can get involved in:

Young American Creative Art Contest with a new deadline of December 15. Fall festivals to help pass out flags.

Is your Post having a trunk or treat event on Halloween... Dress up vehicle and yourselves and pass out candy, and information on art contest, also have applications to join the auxiliary and post.

On Veterans Day, maybe a parade is happening, get students to pass out flags. Have them make cards thanking our veterans. Have a Veteran speak at a school program.

Get out there and get the word out: Go to schools, Faith based youth groups, youth focused organizations, home schools. Go to the PTA'S and ask to speak on Patriotism and literacy in our schools. Do a book drive. There is so much we can bring to the youths of today reminding them of our nation's heritage and what Patriotism means.

Youth America

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

There are several **CHANGES** this year to the **DUE DATES** for the Illustrating America contest. The Illustrating America schedule starting for the 2026-2027 year is:

December 15 (2026): Illustrating America Student entries are due to participating/sponsoring VFW Auxiliary for judging.

January (2027): Optional first place Illustrating America winner in each grade division from each participating sponsoring VFW Auxiliary are due to VFW Auxiliary District for judging.

January 15: Illustrating America first place winner in each grade division from each participating /sponsoring VFW Auxiliary or optional Auxiliary District are due to the VFW Auxiliary Department for judging.

January 31: Illustrating America first place winner in each grade division from each VFW Auxiliary Department must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters for judging.