

Dear Youth Chairman's

I want to express my sincere gratitude for your hard work and dedication in providing timely and informative reports. Your contributions are invaluable to the success of our VFW as well as the Auxiliary.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend, filled with joy, gratitude, and delicious Food.

A reminder to everyone who recognized the Marine Corps birthday and Veteran's Day with the youth don't forget to send in your reports. I'm available to help any chairperson who needs it on how to fill out reports forms or need report forms contact me.. If you did the work let's get it accounted for.

I apologize for not touching base with everyone in October. I had a few personal setbacks that had taken up my time. I promise to do better.

Thank you to everybody for your reports that have come in for Halloween. I've enjoyed reading the activities that have been put together. Also a big thank you to all that participated making these events successful. Let's Remember to have fun while working with the youth also be forever mindful of your surroundings. We are always being watched by the youth for guidance. Mentoring the future leaders of the importance behind our purpose as an auxiliary educates not only the youth but the community as well.

Madam President. Donna Marie King Special project. Is to place/replace flags in any/all school needed. With Flag day coming up this would be a perfect day to get a couple auxiliary members, volunteers and youth to visit your schools in your districts or the schools your children go to. Let's get out there and see what schools may need flags. Educate your youth on the importance of the American Flag.

Those of you have chosen the Youth as your passion program. I have a few ideas for the upcoming holiday. An important date that may help get your youth involved with Veterans.

Dec. 7, 2024 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – The anniversary of the day Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, signaling the United States' entrance into World War II.

\*Dec. 13, 2024 – National Guard birthday

\*Dec. 20, 2024- Space Force birthday

\*Dec. 21, 2024 – National Wreaths Across America Day

\*Dec 25,2024- Christmas

#### Additional Ideas for Youth:

Write letters to veterans: Express gratitude and appreciation for their service.

Make Birthday cards for your National Guard/Space Force veterans

\* Volunteer at a VA hospital or veterans' home: Spend time with veterans, assist with activities, or simply offer companionship.

Getting your youth to make homemade cards is really makes a veteran feel special during Christmas.

Try Making a goodie bags to go along with them. This small act is something that veterans enjoy during Christmas, especially our veterans who don't get many visitors. Sharing our purpose and reasons on why we do these like this helps them understand the value behind everything we do.

Remember, every great journey starts with a single step. "The future is bright, and the possibilities are endless and together, we can achieve great things." I hope you all have A bless day.

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