

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

## AUGUST 2024

It is that time of year again when our youth are starting back to school. Start planning youth activities with our students and youth organizations. I'd like to tell you about a new initiative added to the Youth Activities Program.

**Youth Reading to our Veterans & Veterans reading to our Youth:** Engage youth in this new initiative by encouraging them to read a book to a veteran. You can also do this in reverse by inviting a veteran to go to a school, scout meeting, 4-H meeting, or library to read a book to our youth. See if your public library or school library has a book from our list on Malta, if not, donate one. There, you have also fulfilled Patriotism through Literacy. September 6, 2024, is National Read a Book Day. Not only will you help create a love of reading, but choosing a patriotic book will help the youth learn about our country. It is also a good time to hand out R.A.P. cards to youth that are reading to veterans.

Along with this new program I will give a special award to any auxiliary that takes pictures of youth and veterans reading to each other, creates a photo collage and brings it to the Kansas Department Convention in June of 2025.

Also, I am challenging each auxiliary to donate at least 1 book this year to a school or library in honor of our veterans. The book should focus on veterans or our country.

More information will be given at the **Department School of Instruction in Russell, August 16-18**. Please plan to attend. If you cannot make that please attend your District School of Instruction for more information.

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