



**Department of Missouri VFW
Auxiliary
Youth Activities**

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“Highlight”

EDUCATION

“With freedom comes responsibility.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

We have a responsibility to educate our youth about patriotism, love for country and our military and veterans who fought for our freedom.

A perfect time to do this would be National Young Readers Week November 11-15, or the month of December which is Read a Book Month. Talk with your local schools, home school groups, or libraries about coming in and working with the youth. Depending on the age group, you could:

- Teach the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem
- Teach Flag and Parade Etiquette
- Educate on Patriotic Days
- Read/Donate Patriotic Books



Don't forget, you can find printable Pledge Bookmarks, Flag Etiquette Pamphlets, and a list of Patriotic Holidays on the Department website www.vfwauxmo.org under the Americanism program.

November 11th is Veterans Day and would be a great time to get youth involved in recognition ceremonies, parades and dinners that your Post or community may be hosting. You can teach them all about Veterans Day and give them an opportunity to meet and thank the veterans for their service. You could also have children pair up with a veteran “buddy” and have them read to each other. Make sure to print a Patriotic Youth Award for each of your participants!



Quick Update –

There was a change to the Illustrating America Art Contest.

- It is now REQUIRED for the student’s name and grade to be written on the back of every art entry.

There are new contest rules and entry forms available on the Department website, www.vfwauxmo.org.



As we involve our youth in *“Helping Veterans by Bridging the Gap With Teamwork”*, let us never forget that *“From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans”* is the reason we exist.