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Auntie Em's Corner: Youth Activities Newsletter – Summer Edition-July/August
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Well, hello there, my darlings!

I hope this little note finds y'all happy, healthy, and maybe just a smidge sun-kissed from all the good weather we've been having. Auntie Em's been busy knitting, baking, and most importantly, keeping up with all the wonderful things our young folks have been doing through the VFW Auxiliary. Let me tell you—it's enough to make a gal's heart swell with pride!

🍀 What Our Young Patriots Have Been Up To

1. Patriotic Art Contest – Oh My Stars!

We had some mighty fine entries in the 2024-2025 year, and let me tell you, the talent these kids have is just jaw-dropping. From watercolor flags to pencil sketches of our brave service members, every piece was a love letter to our country. Can't wait to see what our young'uns do this year.

2. Buddy Poppy Drives - Little Hands, Big Hearts

Our Junior Volunteers helped hand out Buddy Poppies at the Memorial Day parade, and they did it with such grace and gratitude. Folks were touched, and I saw more than a few misty eyes. These kids are learning the true meaning of service.

3. Letters to Veterans – Sealed with Love

We mailed out over 200 handwritten letters to veterans in local VA hospitals. Some of the messages were so sweet, I had to dab my eyes with my apron. One little fella wrote, "Thank you for being brave so I can be free." Isn't that just precious?

What's Coming Up Next?

Youth Craft Day – July 12th

How about making patriotic wind chimes and kindness rocks to place at the veterans' memorial or VA home? Bring your creativity and your sunscreen, let's meet outside under the big oak tree!

Back-to-School Supply Drive - August

Collect supplies for military families in need. If you've got extra notebooks, crayons, or backpacks, bring 'em on down to your post. Let's make sure every child starts the school year strong.

Youth Art Contest – Illustrating America

Encourage your kiddos to put their patriotic creations on paper and share their hearts. There'll be prizes, of course, but the real reward is seeing how creative they can be. Artwork is due March 31.

A Note from Auntie Em

To all the parents, grandparents, and guardians out there, thank you for raising such kind, respectful, and community-minded young folks. They are the future of this great nation, and I'm just tickled pink to be part of their journey.

If you ever want to lend a hand, share an idea, or just sit a spell and chat, my porch is always open.

With love and pride,

Auntie Em (A.K.A. Jennie Rosales-Wolfgeher)

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