



## Department of Missouri VFW



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### 🍂 Auntie Em's Corner: Youth Activities Newsletter – Fall Edition-September/October 🍂 *From the Heart of the VFW Auxiliary*

#### Well, Hello There, My Dears!

Now don't that breeze feel like fall's just around the corner? I've been sittin' on the porch with a warm cup of cider, thinkin' about how we can help our young'uns grow up proud and patriotic. So I put together a few ideas to keep those hearts full and those hands busy.

#### Patriotism Through Literacy

There's nothin' quite like a good book to stir the soul. This season, let's share stories that teach our youth about bravery, freedom, and the folks who fought to keep it.

##### Try This, Sugar:

- Invite a veteran to read to the kiddos at school or the library.
- Donate a few patriotic storybooks to your local classroom or church.
- Start a "Reading Buddy" circle—just a few minutes a week can make a world of difference.

And don't forget to share your good works with the world using #vfwauxiliaryyouthactivities. Let's show 'em what small towns and big hearts can do!

#### 🌟 R.A.P. Cards – Random Acts of Patriotism

Now this here's one of my favorites. When you catch a young'un doin' something kind and patriotic—like helpin' a veteran carry groceries or standin' tall for the flag—hand 'em a R.A.P. Card.

##### 🥧 It's Simple as Pie:

- Keep a few cards in your apron pocket.
- Hand one out when you see a good deed.

- Tell 'em you're proud—and mean it.

It's a mighty fine way to plant seeds of pride and kindness.

### 🎨 Let's Get Creative, Y'all!

We've got some real talent in our state, and it's time to let it shine! Encourage your local youth to enter the Illustrating America art contest or sing their hearts out in Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue.

### ✍️ Auntie Em's Tip:

- Host a little art day at the Post—set out some crayons, markers, and cookies. You'll be amazed what those young minds can dream up.

### 📷 A Note from Auntie Em- Don't Be Shy Now!

Snap a photo or two and share your stories online with #vfwauxiliaryyouthactivities. I'd love to see what y'all are up to—and who knows, you might just end up in the next newsletter!

With love from the heartland,

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

*Youth Activities Chair, VFW Auxiliary*

There's no place like home—and no better time to teach love of country."

### September Youth Activities

6 September: National Read a Book Day - Veterans/Youth Reading Event

10 September: R.A.P. Cards - Distribute for Patriotic Acts

15 September: Reading Buddy Program - Volunteer Reading Sessions

### October Youth Activities

5 October: Youth Acts of Kindness Certificates - Recognize Volunteers

12 October: Youth Group Event - Flag Ceremonies, Meal Service, Clean-up

20 October: Illustrating America Art Contest - Promote Early Submissions

Rap cards, Certificates and More: <https://vfwauxmo.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=106262>

Patriotism through Literacy Book List: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Suggested-Book-List.pdf>

Illustrating America Contest: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Page-from-Illustrating-America-Art-Contest-25-26-1.pdf>

