

“It’s Time to Honor Our Veterans” / “Patriotism Begins at Home”

YOUTH

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The Ladies Auxiliary VFW is in a unique position to help teach our youth the skills to become responsible adults through serving our country, communities and veterans. We have a whole new generation of veterans who need the support of family, friends and country as they serve over seas and when they come home from conflicts. Today’s youth are our future and can fill this bill.

<p><i>PROGRAM GOALS</i></p> <p>Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans National Citations</p> <p>Sponsoring & Workings with Youth Groups</p> <p>Junior Girls Units</p>
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YOUTH GROUPS SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

This citation can recognize Youth Groups who support project to honor veterans and active duty military and their family. Encourage them to work with your Auxiliary and then recommend them for this award. Have someone start a Facebook page for youth and then monitor it daily for interest and encourage them to “like” what they see. Use this to promote events for youth by having them prominently displayed on the page. Youth are on the computer, smart phones and I pads.

SPONSORING AND WORKING WITH YOUTH GROUPS

By involving youth in our programs we are building leaders of the future. There are many ways that youth can be active, in any of our programs. Remember that involving youth in service to veterans with the Auxiliary can bring new members. When the youth are included the family feels more invested in the Auxiliary.

ENCOURAGE THE FORMATION OF A JUNIOR GIRLS UNIT.

The new generation of VFW-eligible veterans are the parents, grandparents and maybe even the brothers and sisters of girls age 5 to 16, who meet the eligibility to belong to the Junior Girls. The Junior Girls still have the JUMP program where they can earn badges while they learn important life skills. Being a member has benefits such as scholarships and cancer grants. It’s the perfect stepping stone to membership in the Ladies Auxiliary at age 16.

Selection: Outstanding Performance Award

The Department Chairman will select the recipients. **You must have reported a minimum of twice during the year.**

Criteria for selection:

40 Points Maximum ~ Development of overall program (creativity, presentation following Chairman’s emphasis.

30 Points Maximum ~ Quality of promotional material (newsletters, publicity, leaflets)

30 Points Maximum ~ Preparation by Chairman (legibly and clearly documented on report form)

AUXILIARY AWARDS

1. Outstanding Performance Award, “It’s Time to Honor Our Veterans” award for the Auxiliary, in each Membership Group for the most effective promotion of involving youth is ALL Ladies Auxiliary Programs. Citation to runner-up
2. Citation in each Membership Group for the most unique promotion of “Program Goals”
3. Citation in each membership group for the most certificates give to “Youth Supporting Our Military”
4. Citation to the Department Chairman achieving 100% reporting.

National program book pages 35

Youth Activities

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Aux. # _____ District # _____ City _____

Chairman’s Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Report Deadlines: November 15, 2014 and April 15, 2015 Date of this report: _____

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1. Did your Auxiliary participate in and or promote the Junior Girls Units? _____
 Did you use the JUMP program? _____

2. Did your Auxiliary publicize Youth Groups Supporting Our Military Citations? _____

3. How many different Youth Groups did your Ladies Auxiliary work with during the year? _____
 Estimate number of youth involved _____

4. How did your Auxiliary use social media to become accessible to today’s youth and engage them in the Ladies Auxiliary programs? _____

5. Please explain why you feel your ladies Auxiliary had the best overall promotion of the Youth program.
 What is the best project? (Please use additional paper) _____

Total Projects For this report	Number of Members Participating	Total Hours Worked	Total Number of Miles	Total Value or Dollars Spent

