

Hello October! The days are getting shorter and cooler and the time for us all to work with our Youth. As the National Ambassador has said, “Our Youth Activities Program is one of our Programs that can be tied into almost every other Program in this organization.” As we work with our Youth, they will remember the VFW as they get older and may be eligible for membership, they can make sure we always remember the Patriotic holidays in the future. They are our future and if we show them respect and kindness they will remember.

#auxreadingbuddy Always use this to promote what you and your auxiliary are doing in your Reading Buddy Program. Did you know that any Auxiliary member can be a Reading Buddy? Listen to them as they read to you. Use and promote the VFW Auxiliary “Patriotism Through Literacy” book list. The recommended reads are divided in so many ways for youth to find a book that will interest them and foster a love of books that leads them to a lifetime of learning.

The VFW Auxiliary Youth Program has many Citations and Certificates to let youth know they are seen and heard:

Youth Acts of Kindness Certificates (given to youth being caught in the act of kindness), [youth_act_of_cit\(1\).pdf](#)

Patriotic Youth Awards (designed to recognize individual youth for their patriotism and support to our veterans and their families),
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Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations (This is a way our auxiliaries can recognize youth groups for their efforts and projects honoring our veterans), [youth_groups_supporting_o\(1\).pdf](#)

R.A.P. Cards (showing respect to Flag or reciting the Pledge of Allegiance),
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and

Illustrating America Contest [illustrating_america_art_\(3\).pdf](#)

All of these can be found in Malta or at VFWAUXAZ.ORG. Use them to help teach our youth to become responsible adults through serving our country, communities and Veterans.