Thankful for Our Future

November reminds us to be thankful for our family and friends, our Auxiliary sisters and brothers, and our amazing Comrade partners. This month, let's make sure our youth know they're on that list, too!

The kids who show up to help at our functions. The band students who learn our National Anthem and begin to understand why hearing it means so much to us. The youth keeping Scouting and FFA traditions alive, raising and training future service dogs, and finding ways to serve. And our military kids, who pack up, start over, and bring joy to new communities wherever they go. We have a lot to be thankful for in these young people.

Let's tell them! The **Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citation**, available on our website and in MALTA, is a great way to recognize groups honoring our veterans. A little recognition can mean a whole lot.

And when those young helpers show up at your Thanksgiving dinner, be sure to say thank you—even if they were "volunTOLD." HA! They're still there, and their help still matters!

Keep those **Random Acts of Patriotism cards** handy, and use the **Youth Acts of Kindness certificates**, too. These small gestures remind our youth that we see what they're doing and appreciate them.

We always say our youth are our future. Let's give them a reason to keep showing up.

Happy Thanksgiving—and thank you for all you do!

🗓️ ***A Little Fun, A Little Kindness***

🎲 **November 19 • National Play Monopoly Day**
Grab a board, invite some young friends, and pass GO! A little friendly competition never hurt anyone… right?

✂️ **December 1 • National Cookie Cutter Day**
Cookie cutters aren't just for cookies! Gather the kids and make salt dough ornaments to share with veterans. Or use ribbon and gems to decorate the cutter and make into an ornament.

🍪🧦 **December 4 • National Cookie Day & National Sock Day**
Cookies to share and new socks to spare! Team up with a youth group to collect socks and deliver a little sweetness to local veterans.

☕🎻 **December 13 • National Cocoa Day & National Violin Day**
Share cocoa and a good book with the kids—or invite young musicians to bring a little holiday cheer!



Small activities. Time together. Plenty to be thankful for