

AMERICANISM

July 2026

Department President's Theme
"Growing Stronger for Our Veterans"

National President's Theme
"Serving America's Heroes"

Program Goals

Flag Education, POW/MIA Recognition, Star Family Recognition

*Are you celebrating July 4th at your Post or planning any summertime
BBQs, parades, or events in your community?
All of these are great opportunities to promote Americanism.*

5 easy ideas to promote Americanism on short notice during National Anti-boredom Month

1. Coloring contest on the 4th of July at your Post: print out a flag coloring sheet, separate children by age groups and give a small gift or certificate to the top three winners of each age group and display their artwork in the Post.
 - a. (Inserting a plug here) Youth and Scholarships programs: send home a packet with the 2026-2027 art contests for both programs. This will count toward three reports.
2. Hand out flags during a parade or community event.
3. Give appreciation certificates to businesses or organizations that have displayed the American flag and decorated for the 4th of July: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
4. Ask a community center or local business if your Auxiliary can showcase a flag display either inside or outside on the road frontage.
5. Beat the summer heat with Flag education on National Ice Cream Day, July 19th, decorate ice cream sundaes with patriotic sprinkles and learn about the American Flag.

- July 4: Celebrate **250 years** of Freedom!
- July 18: World Emoji Day
- July 19: National Ice Cream Day
- Dog Days of Summer: July 3 – August 11
- National Anti-Boredom Month
- National Hot Dog Month
- National Ice Cream Month
- National Watermelon Month

Help everyone find
your posts and reels
on social media by
using the hashtag
#AmericanismFL

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Patriotic Instructor

July 2026

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Patriotic Instructors assist the President during meetings, ensuring ceremonies and floor work align with the VFW Auxiliary Ritual.

Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual

BYLAWS

Sec. 902—Meeting Etiquette, page 92

A. Cell Phones

1. All cell phones and electronic messaging devices shall be set to the "off," "mute," or "vibrate" position during the entire meeting.
2. Cell phones may be used for meeting-related purposes, i.e., calendar, calculator, MALTA, research, taking notes, etc.
3. All calls shall be answered outside the meeting room.
 - a.) The only exception shall be during the National Convention, where walkie-talkies or similar devices are used by the National President and National Headquarters staff for meeting purposes only.

B. Audio/Video Recording

1. Individual members cannot record (video/audio) any portion of any Auxiliary meeting without prior knowledge of the body.

C. Smoking

1. To include but not limited to tobacco products, e-cigarettes, etc., is not allowed during an Auxiliary meeting.

D. Alcoholic Beverages

1. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted during Auxiliary meetings.

BOOKLET OF INSTRUCTIONS

To Help Clarify the Official Look, page 32

1. Section 1001 explains the Official Look
 - a. The look may be worn open over any color top or a black dress. The look may be worn tucked in.
 - b. You may wear it with a jacket or sweater, preferably black.
 - c. The collar pins should be worn flat on the collar, not on an angle. VFW over the heart.
 - d. The official membership pin should be worn on the left, above the emblem.
 - e. The name tag should be worn on the side without the emblem.
 - f. If you wear an American Flag pin, it should be highest on the shirt (not including collar pins), over your heart.
 - g. Caps are optional. Caps may be worn with pins attached.
 - h. Caps are to be removed for prayers, if the Chaplain removes their cap or is not wearing one.
 - i. When removing the cap, place the cap over the heart with the emblem facing out, fingers just inside the cap.



Patriotic Days

July 2nd - Made in the USA Day (celebrates American-made goods).

July 4th - Independence Day (celebrates the 1776 adoption of the Declaration of Independence)

July 26th - National Disability Independence Day (commemorates the 1990 ADA signing).

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“BUDDY” POPPY



July 2026

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION CONTEST

**IN HONOR OF KATHY WRIGHT’S MOTTO,
GARDENING WITH GRACE AND GOALS,
WE INVITE ALL AUXILIARIES TO CREATE
A GARDEN OF LOVE.**

**DECORATE A GARDEN WATERING CAN USING POPPIES.
SHOW YOUR CREATIVITY AND PATRIOTISM WHILE
INCORPORATING KATHY’S MOTTO**



RULES:

WATERING CAN -INCLUDE 1 BUDDY POPPY

IN ORIGINAL FORMAT

NO TALLER THAN 18”AND 12” WIDE

DISPLAY ON TABLES SATURDAY MORNING FOR VOTING

NUMBER OF POPPIES, NAME AND POST & DISTRICT # ON ENVELOPE

MUST BE TAPED TO BOTTOM OF DISPLAY

ALL DISPLAYS MUST BE PICKED UP BEFORE CLOSING SOI



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EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION

July 2026

Did you know-

Extension & Revitalization has
unique awards, check them out!
Best news, there is no reporting
in this program!



Mark your calendar

School of Instruction

August 14 & 15, 2026!

All new officers should plan to attend this event! It is a great place to learn, make new friends or catch up with old acquaintances!

Other resources- *Building on the Foundation: Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit: Healthy Auxiliary Checklist & member questionnaire: The Auxiliary Meeting Clinic, Relationship Building for the Future, all found on our website.*



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JULY Historian & Media Relations 2026

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S THEME

"Growing Stronger for Our Veterans"



NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S THEME

"Serving America's Heroes"

Our Auxiliary grows through the strength of its members, the values that unite us, and the programs that reach into our community. When we welcome new members, support and mentor one another, and stay rooted in patriotism and service, our organization flourishes. Each program becomes a branch that expands our impact — from caring for veterans and families to inspiring youth, advocating for legislation, and preserving our shared history. Together, we create a vibrant canopy of service that shelters, supports, and strengthens our community.

Just as our Membership Tree grows stronger with every new root and branch, the Historian helps preserve the story that gives it life. As we capture the moments happening now, we also honor the traditions, achievements, and members who shaped our past. The Historian keeps our auxiliary's legacy alive by documenting our programs, projects, and community impact - ensuring that every branch of our organization is remembered, celebrated, and shared.

As technology continues to improve and make it easier to preserve today for our future members, we must also ask: what of our past? Our auxiliary's roots run deep, nourished by the stories, traditions, and sacrifices that came before us. The Historian ensures those roots are never forgotten by gathering photos, documents, memories, and milestones that shaped who we are. While new tools help us capture the present, it is our preserved history that keeps our tree grounded, steady, and strong for generations to come.

How many members truly know the origins of their Auxiliary — when the first seed was sown, who planted it, and who nurtured it through the years? Every Auxiliary began with a handful of dedicated individuals who believed in service, sacrifice, and community. They tended the earliest roots, watered the mission with their time and passion, and helped the organization grow into the strong tree it is today. As we move forward with new tools and new ways to capture the present, the Historian ensures that the story of those early caretakers — the ones who built our foundation — is never forgotten.

We do this so today's members can understand where we stand by learning where we began — and carry that knowledge forward with purpose. Because when we know our origins, we strengthen the roots that guide every step we take today.

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Hospital Program

July 2026



Program Goals:

Volunteer Recruitment & Recognition * VAVS (CDCE)

Women Veterans Health Care * Honors Escort

“Growing Stronger for Our Veterans”

“Gardening With Grace and Goals”

Now is a good time to prepare for the year!

*Contact your local VA/non-VA facility and nursing home for a schedule of events where the Auxiliary is needed.

*Reach out to the schools for student volunteers over 14 yrs old who can earn community service hours helping you at the hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes.

*Talk to teachers at the elementary schools about your need for “Veterans Day” cards, “Christmas Cards”, “Welcome Home” and “Thank You for Your Service” cards. Perhaps your Auxiliary can donate supplies.

Recruit Hospital Volunteers

Hospital volunteers can be:

#Auxiliary members

#Sponsored volunteer (family, neighbors, friends)

#Youth volunteers (age 14 and older)

Be sure to keep your volunteers informed and appreciated.

++Invent a theme with decorations and have fun with our veterans, such as crazy hat day, country western day, Luau day, hot dog day.

**Plant the seeds by recruiting,
and watch your volunteers
blossom with Caring & Love.**



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V.A.V.S. Hospital Program

JULY 2026

NATIONAL HOSPITAL AWARDS FOR YOU

1. One Auxiliary member who recruits the most hospital volunteers **IN EACH OF THE 10 DIVISIONS.**
2. One Auxiliary member who recruits the most hospital volunteers **DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA**
3. One outstanding National hospital Volunteer **IN EACH OF THE 10 DIVISIONS.**
4. One outstanding hospital volunteer **IN THE DEPT. OF FLORIDA.**
5. Earn Hospital volunteer pins starting at **150 HOURS.**

HOSPITAL AWARDS FOR YOUR AUXILIARY

1. Most **CREATIVE** way to interact with Veteran **PATIENTS** and provide happiness **IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA.**
2. Most **CREATIVE** way to interact with Veteran **PATIENTS** and provide happiness **IN EACH OF THE 10 NATIONAL DIVISIONS.**

V.A.V.S. AWARDS for CERTIFIED HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS

1. Awards given by the V.A., and are based on hours volunteered within the V.A. facilities. Hours accumulate from the day you are certified and continue to add up for life.

To recognize your volunteers consider :

Certificates of appreciation, luncheons throughout the year
and an award ceremony

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Dept of Florida VFWA -LEGISLATIVE - July 2026

Be an Advocate – Be Informed – Be Engaged

Program Goals 2026-2027

- Budget
- Health Care
- Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs
- Education, Employment and Transition Assistance
- Military Readiness
- National Security, Foreign Affairs and POW/MIA

National Presidents Theme

“Serving America’s Heroes”

Department Presidents Theme

“Growing Stronger for our Veterans”

Motto “Gardening with Grace & Goals

Song: “Simply the Best”

Color – Royal Blue

Flower- Red Hibiscus

Be Engaged – Share this information with your Auxiliaries:-

Notice of 2026 Election Information – Important Dates & Deadlines

Voting in person must have photo/signature ID

New Voter/Party Change Deadline: Primary – July 20, General – October 5

Vote by Mail Ballot Request: Primary – August 6, General October 22

Early Voting Dates & Times: Primary – August 8-15, General October 22-31

Election Day: Primary – August 18, General November 3, 7am-7pm

For election office or voting locations contact your County Supervisor of Elections

Use MALTA under Legislative click on VFW Auxiliary Involvement in Elections and Political Activities

Be Informed - VFW Legislative Priorities – <https://votervoice.net/VFW/register?>

Under Action Corps learn more scroll down to:

Know the Issues, View Current Legislation, Find your Legislators, Read VFW Testimony, Take Action

Send an email to Congress to support: Act on Major Richard Star Act, Veterans Deserve Safer Treatment Options, Congress Support Student Veterans, make your voice heard for Veterans.

This is where you find information on the most important legislation which will affect all veterans,

USE the QR CODE to Register Action Corps and more information:



Suggestion: Have an open to public event with the Supervisor of Elections where they can speak to your community, and help get voter registration – REPORT, Post photos

National Award: Citation and \$25.00 in each of 10 Program Divisions with the best promotion for educating members on how to talk to legislative representatives.

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Gardening with Grace and Goals in Membership

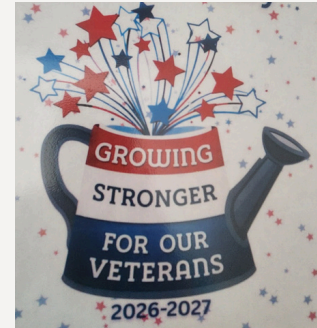
July 2026 Focus - Invite & Engage

Invite - As we grow our gardens this year, encourage all members to carry an Auxiliary membership application (think of these as your seeds) and or save a pdf file on their phones and they can simply text or email the application directly to the potential member. With being able to submit an application with ease, this will help make them feel confident in our organization. Hopefully we can have them grow and thrive!

Invite -Engage with your membership through personal conversations, emails or texts and ask them to invite potential members to Post events, dinners, and ceremonies, this is a great way to fertilize your gardens. Our “seedlings”, otherwise known as potential members can enjoy the camaraderie the post provides. They will learn all the good that we do!

Invite - Organize membership drives, find events in your area and secure a table where you can staff with members who love to talk to people. Be sure to supply the table with applications, information on our National programs such as Buddy Poppy, Youth, Scholarship opportunities, and Legislative. Have a sign up sheet for Action Corps weekly and secure email addresses to keep in contact with the “seedlings”. Engage with your VFW Post and have a joint table. So many reportable activities in one!

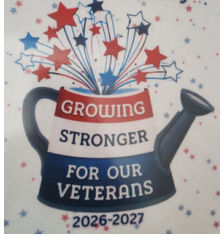
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Engage- Please inform your Auxiliaries about the “Patriotic” July and August membership promotion. I shared a flyer with all the District Presidents, and it’s been shared all over Facebook. If you haven’t already, vote on this promotion and make an investment in your annual members. With the 25% offer they can convert to life easily! For example; if you have an annual member who is between 66-70, their Life time membership is \$150, and they would need to pay \$112.50 to convert to life. Engage with your annual members, discuss the savings! Let's invite them to become life!

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"Growing Stronger for our Veterans" through Gardening with Grace & Goals in Mentoring July 2026 Focus - Invite & Engage

INVITE - Your officers, especially any new Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries and Trustees to The Department of Florida's School of Instruction (SOI) on Friday and Saturday August 14th and 15th in Orlando Florida at the Florida Hotel. Make your reservations immediately as the hotel fills fast and if you wait you may have to stay off site. Encourage all your officers to attend this informative conference. The SOI flyer is available to view under News/Announcements on the VFW Auxiliary Department of Florida Auxiliary website.

Be sure to visit the Program Fair at SOI Friday night from 5-7! Your Program Chairmen love introducing their programs to our members and will have vital information to hand out. We had so much fun last year.

Many members asked about how they can get Circle of Champions during our June Convention. You can find the new criteria under "latest news" on the VFW Auxiliary Department of Florida website! Reaching 100% +3 is just one step to reach Circle of Champions.

M.A.L.T.A. will be closed from midnight June 30th to 6am on July 6th.

<https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/Account/NewLogin>

Encourage your members to log in and check out the member resources for all our national programs. If a member has never logged in, help them create their account. Have a goal of 100% Auxiliary members logged into **M.A.L.T.A.** Under reports, you can pull who is logged into **M.A.L.T.A.** Print this and bring to a meeting and use to help you reach your goal. Walk newly logged in members through the tabs on our membership portal.

Report Report & Report... Ask your members to report on all their activities they are doing for your Auxiliaries. Find your storyteller and invite your members to help with reporting. Mentor your members on how to report, include time during your meetings for discussions on reporting.

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VFW NATIONAL HOME

July 2026

NATIONAL Program Awards

Citations for Auxiliaries

Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most creative activity and/or event that demonstrates what and where the VFW National is and who is eligible for services provided by the VFW National Home.

Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the VFW Auxiliary Department VFW Chairman by March 31, 2027 for judging.

The VFW Auxiliary Department VFW National Home Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed winning entry form to the VFW Auxiliary National VFW National Home Ambassador by April 30, 2027, for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to the "winner" from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters, and money will be deposited into the VFW Auxiliary account after 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.



"Become a VFW National Home Lifetime Member"

Only \$100 to become a member and be able to vote for Board of Directors at the VFW National Home.

"Plus give the Gift of a Lifetime Membership"

Donate: Your gift will help provide Housing and Educational Support. Families can rebuild and create a better future with your generous "**Donations**".

Send a check to Department of Florida. Be sure to fill out the contribution worksheet with VFW National Home selected and send to the Dept. Treasurer Cindy Estell. By submitting the contribution worksheet you will guarantee that your Auxiliary gets the credit and that the funds go to VFW National Home. Plan an Auxiliary Fundraiser working together for the better.

info@vfwnationalhome.org or 866-483-9642



Thank a Veteran

Let us know how your Auxiliary is fundraising for the VFW National Home

POST Pictures on your Auxiliaries Facebook page * Tell your story

Send information to Florida Dept. Historian *

Share your story in our Sunshine Newsletter

E-mail Jeanne Laurine at Jeannelaurine8@gmail.com

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

July 2026

HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!!



I'm pretty sure EVERY Post / Auxiliary is planning a HUGE celebration !!

This would be the PERFECT time to plan a fundraiser for the Department President's Special Project ! There will be lots of people celebrating and in a "giving" and party mood....Have you thought of how you could encompass a fundraiser into this festive time?? How about a contest for "Best Baked Beans" at your cookout?? Entrants pay a fee to participate, and "tasters" pay a fee to try all the samples and cast a vote. The Winner of the popular vote gets half the money collected, and the rest goes to your Special Project contribution. Or you could do it with potato salad, or coney sauce for the hotdogs.....how about Best Patriotic dessert?? Best Uncle Sam Costume. Best Lady Liberty costume. Have I gotten your creative juices thinking about what would work best for YOUR Post/Auxiliary?? If Saturday, July 4th, is already packed with events.....how about doing it on Friday July 3rd or Sunday July 5th?? Everyone will be looking for SOMETHING SPECIAL to do that weekend to celebrate the 250th Birthday of America. Kid friendly family oriented events will be especially welcomed in your neighborhood..

Maybe you could do TWO events to celebrate our 250th.....one for Department President's Special Project Esophageal Cancer Research.....and one for National President and VFW National Commander in Chief's joint project "Operation Bring Them Home".

If THAT weekend is already booked solid and there's no time to plan a big event.....decide WHAT and WHEN you're going to promote these two worthwhile causes, and have big posters set up that Big Birthday Weekend to advertise !! Try to incorporate the color of periwinkle (a light lilac) into your advertisements. That's the official color for Esophageal Cancer.

Have a WONDERFUL and BLESSED 250th Birthday Celebration. May God continue to Bless the United States of America in the NEXT 250 years. We'll talk more next month on ideas for fundraisers.

There's all KINDS of ways to put the FUN in FUNDRAISERS !!!



ESOPHAGEAL CANCER RESEARCH
'OPERATION BRING THEM HOME



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Dept. of Florida VFW Auxiliary



Scholarships Program July 2026

Plant the Seeds. Inspire the Voice. Create the Future.

July Focus: Water the Seeds. Make the Contacts.

Report the Work.

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday this July, let's help carry patriotism forward through Scholarships. Encourage students to share what veterans have taught them about America, promote patriotic art, and support continuing education opportunities for Auxiliary families.

Did you read the June Scholarship Promotion? Did your Auxiliary create a **Seeds for Scholarships** donation display or vote to include Scholarships in yearly program giving? Did your District discuss supporting Scholarship donations, student awards, or recognition events?

If so — **have you reported it yet?**

This is a great opportunity to report early! The **first five Auxiliaries to report Scholarship activity before Department School of Instruction in August** will receive a **Patriotic Prize!**

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Reports may include promotions, displays, donations, motions approved, school contacts, brochure sharing, social media posts, or plans for recognition. Every report helps tell the story of how Florida Auxiliaries are promoting education, patriotism, creativity, and opportunities for future leaders.

July Scholarship Spotlight: Continuing Education

The **VFW Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship** application process begins **July 1**. This scholarship helps eligible Auxiliary members and immediate family members continue their education through college, vocational school, technical school, or career training.

Application deadline: February 15, 2027

Start connecting with schools now.

Make your contact list for guidance counselors, English teachers, history/social studies teachers, art teachers, homeschool groups, libraries, youth groups, JROTC programs, and community art organizations.

Promote Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen early.

Connect with your VFW Post and ask how your Auxiliary can help promote the 2026–2027 theme:

"What a Veteran Taught Me About America."

Both contests are due to participating VFW Posts by

October 31, 2026.

Keep watering your Seeds for Scholarships.

If your Auxiliary or District is discussing yearly program donations this month, please remember Scholarships. Consider supporting the **National Continuing Education Scholarship Fund**, the **National Patriotic Art Scholarship Fund**, local student awards, or a future **Red Carpet Recognition** event.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions!

Scan the QR code below for more information.



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VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

July 2026



***VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs * Assist Veterans, Service Members & their Families
Promote Veteran & Military Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Awareness***

Celebrate those who secured our freedom for us!



VFW's **National Veterans Service (NVS)** was established to help all veterans, service members, their families and survivors. Both frustration and confusion that can arise when transitioning out of the military or filing a claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Service members and veterans shouldn't try to navigate alone. "Claim sharks" are also preying on the veteran and can charge thousands of dollars.

NVS has VFW Accredited Service Officers who are experts in navigating the VA processes, filing for disability compensation, rehabilitation and education programs, pension and death benefits. These services are provided to anyone seeking assistance and are **FREE of Charge**.

To support NVS send your donation to VFW Headquarters, 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111. Put in memo line **NVS**.



VFW's **Veterans & Military Support Program (VMS)** which includes

Financial Assistance for Service Members is here to help America's active-duty service members (to include activated Guard/Reserve members) and their families who have run into unexpected financial difficulties because of deployment or other military-related activity or injury. The program provides financial assistance up to \$2,500 to assist with daily necessities in the form of a grant – not a loan – so no repayment is required.



Military Appreciation Program (MAP)

offers grants to VFW Posts that participate in military unit functions, such as sponsoring farewell and welcome home activities.



Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship gives tuition assistance to eligible service members.

To support VMS send your donation to VFW Headquarters, 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111. Put in memo line **VMS**.

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Adoption Certificate

Name

Room Number

Approved By

Mail Items to:

Veterans Village

13005 NE 135th Street Ft. McCoy, Fl



VETERANS VILLAGE

ADOPT - A - VET

The Adopt a Vet Program for Veterans Village was very popular in the 2025-2026 year, and Veterans Village has requested to continue the program. To adopt a resident you can contact Amy at 352-236-0823 as Amy will be taking the program over. If you would like to continue with the resident that you already have please email Amy and let her know who you will be continuing with.

They are still requesting that no money or gift cards be sent to the residents at the village.

Items that can be sent are cards, letters, new clothing, bedding and post shirts. Some of the residents are not VFW Members or VFW Auxiliary Members, paying to a Life Membership or an Annual Membership is also a wonderful gift. Veterans Village will also be able to vet them as they have the DD214 for each resident.

A great way to get to know your vet is to write a letter telling them who you are what Auxiliary you are from and ask them questions about themselves. If they chose not to write back you can still send them the items listed above. It is best to send cards on holidays and their birthday.

Please fill out the form below and email to Amy at amixon@vfwfl.org or mail this form to :
Veterans Village at 13005 NE 135th St.. Ft. Mc Coy FL 32134 C/O Amy.

Auxiliary #:

Auxiliary Name:

Auxiliary Address:

Auxiliary President:

Contact Person & Phone Number:

Contact Persons email address:



Program Goals: Sponsoring and collaborating with youth groups, Promoting Patriotism through literacy and Illustrating America.

To honor America's 250th Birthday, join in this July for meaningful youth activities that encourage service, patriotism, literacy, creativity, and support for veterans and their families.

Featured July Activities

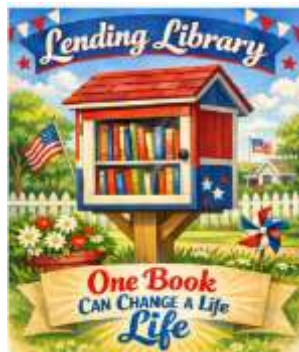
★ **Partner with Youth Groups:** Work with school clubs, Scouts, faith-based groups, after-school programs, and youth service organizations to support community projects.

★ **Support Veterans:** Encourage youth to volunteer, create care packages, write cards, or help with events that honor veterans and service members.

★ **Recognize Patriotic Acts:** Celebrate Random Acts of Patriotism, including respect during the Pledge of Allegiance or National Anthem and other acts that show pride in country.

Recognition Opportunity

Youth groups and individual youth may be recognized for service, leadership, compassion, and patriotic action throughout the month. Find R.A.P Cards and Citations in MALTA – Member Resources – Youth.



Patriotism Through Literacy

Help young readers explore American values and history through patriotic books, read-a-thons, library visits, book donations, writing workshops, or author talks. These activities make learning fun while encouraging service, citizenship, and lifelong reading.

How to Get Involved

★ Invite a youth group to partner on a July service project.

★ Plan a patriotic reading activity or book donation drive.

★ Encourage youth to thank veterans and participate in community service.

★ Share stories with your Department Youth Chairman by reporting, make sure to email pictures.

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