

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES – JULY/AUGUST 2020

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Thank you for accepting the position of Youth Activities Chair. I am beyond excited to kick off an awesome year of exploring the endless possibilities with our leaders of tomorrow. We need to make sure and involve our communities, schools, churches and other youth leaders in all our endeavors, to ensure that our respect and care for our Veterans forever remains. It is our responsibility, as an Auxiliary, to teach our youth that they are the future voice of our Veterans. Sponsor and be active with our youth, be supportive with youth groups and their leaders in providing ideas.

### **LET THEIR VOICES BE HEARD!!!!**

#### **NEW, NEW, NEW!!!! GET EXCITED FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE!!!!**

An individual national anthem singing contest for youth between the ages of **6-16** at the time of entry. Benefits include: learning the words to our National Anthem, while expressing themselves, and promoting patriotism. Youth are encouraged to sing “**THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER**” in any musical genre: jazz, rock, country, R&B, etc., however, **the words can not be changed**. Deadline to Department Chairman by **April 15, 2021**.

Other activities this year are **Citations** for efforts and service projects honoring our Veterans and assisting service members and their families, by youth. In order for your sponsored group to be honored for their efforts you must apply for a Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans National Citation. Less than 1,000 Citations are given out by National Headquarters yearly.

**Patriotic Youth Award**, recognizes youth for patriotism and/or support of our Veterans. **Patriotism through Literacy**, introducing youth to historical figures while teaching them about our Nation's history.

Remember that involving youth, in service to Veterans, in conjunction with your Auxiliary, can bring new membership to your Auxiliary. Engaging our youth in all Auxiliary programs is possible.

Keep track of everything you do, but do something! All information is in your Program Book. Continue your good work for our Veterans, and I look forward to a productive year.

Respectfully, Trula Missey

**“STAY HUMBLE, WORK HARD, BE KIND”**