

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES*

**South Dakota Department VFW Auxiliary
Youth Activities
Bulletin October 2024**

National Theme: *From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans*
Department Theme: *United in Service for Veterans*

NOTE: Program Reporting is now available on the Dept. website (www.vfwauxsd.org) under Log-in; then go to Report Entry. Be sure to register your activities throughout the year!

Looking for a way to help serve Veterans by utilizing youth in your community? Here are some of the national October observations with ideas combining youth and Veterans:

October is National Book Month - Perhaps your Auxiliary can arrange to host and participate in a reading hour to promote one of the Youth Activities Program goals. Youth READING or Veterans and Veterans READING to Youth. Take pictures and promote the event on your Facebook page or website. Make sure to reward the children with R.A.P. (Random Acts of Patriotism) cards for their participation. October 20-26 is also National Friends of Libraries Week.

10/4 – Kids Music Day – have some students play music at your local nursing home.

10/5 – World Card Making Day – what a great time to have youth help with making holiday cards for Veterans at VA Medical Centers or local nursing homes!

10/7 – National Child Health Day – partner with your local police or health care clinic to advise parent on child safety. (HINT: if your Auxiliary is merely volunteering, this can also count as Auxiliary Outreach.)

10/9 – National Stop Bullying Day – contact your local schools to help with their programs on this subject.

10/17 – National Child Poverty Day – this is a great time for your Auxiliary to assist local schools in their programs to help needy youth with winter clothes, school supplies or healthy snacks.



Veterans Day is also fast approaching. Please contact your local schools to offer assistance from your Auxiliary members to help educate our Youth within the schools. Remember, these are the future leaders of our country and we must instill patriotism and service to Active Military, Veterans and their families.

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