

Youth Activities Program Report

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Welcome to the Arizona State Convention for the 2019-20 year! While this has been a tough year for us all due to Covid-19, our Auxiliaries continued working their youth activities programs even with the schools, libraries, and all other youth related programs we all work with throughout the year closed for the partial year. Auxiliaries came together sharing submissions of Illustrating America and Patriotic Art, so our youth that participated could get recognition for their hard work, even under “stay at home” in place. One Auxiliary when handing out free lunches to families for their kids, along with Illustrating America applications. Helping parents keep their kiddoes busy while at home by doing this project, what a fantastic way to promote your program!

I received many reports from our AZ Auxiliaries showing all their hard work, giving citations, RAP coins and cards, Patriotic Youth & Good Job certificates and so much more. It is so important our Auxiliaries continue to reach out to there local youth because some will be our future Veterans and showing them how important it is to give back to our Veterans for all their sacrifice they have given for there country. Teaching our youth and their families what the VFW & Auxiliary is and the services we provide to our Veterans, along with showing our youth the importance of our United States Military.

Here are some of AZ Youth Activities Auxiliaries stats: I received 29 report from the AZ Auxiliaries, 75 Citations handed out, 209 RAP Cards & Coins handed out, 43 Patriotic Youth & Good Job Certificates, reaching over 72 youth groups and over 2000 youth. There were new ideas in the reports on how each Auxiliary reached out to promote their Illustrating America and Patriotism Through Literacy programs. Hundreds of books were donated to local schools, libraries, and other youth organization by the Auxiliaries, supported the National Home Program when they needed book donations.

I was impressed with how some of the Auxiliaries kept their programs and projects with their youth new and exciting. The projects were clever, educational, and fun for not only our youth but the Auxiliary and Post members as a well. I am excited to see our Youth Activities Program continue to grow and see all the hard work our Auxiliaries did with our local youth. Thank you for allowing me to be your Youth Activities Department Chairman for the 2019-2020 year! Here is to many more wonderful years for the Arizona VFW Auxiliaries.