



**Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of New Mexico  
Youth Activities**

**Promotional #1**

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**TO:** Shannon Stanley, National Ambassador  
Jeanette Garcia, VFWA Department President, New Mexico  
**FROM:** Stephanie Bowman, VFWA Department Chairman, New Mexico

Greetings friends of the Department of New Mexico!

It's time to gear up for a new term in this wonderful organization! I would like to share with you the goals for Children's Youth Activities.

Our National Ambassador this year is Shannon Stanley from the Buckeye State (Ohio). I encourage you to bring our New Mexico energy to this program and demonstrate how our youth make such a difference in our futures and the futures of Patriotism.

**Goals for the Children's Youth Activities for 2025-2026:**

**Reading Buddies/Promoting Patriotism through Literacy**

- Foster and promote healthy reading practices. Let's get involved with our youth through schools/libraries to help develop and celebrate literacy.
- Utilize material with a patriotic focus

**Youth Groups**

- Volunteer to help with youth groups (i.e., sports activities, academic clubs, after school programs, etc.)
- Sponsor a youth group (i.e., Scouts, home school associations, church groups)

**Illustrating America**

- Patriotic themed art: Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>; 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

**R.A.P.S Cards/Youth Acts of Kindness**

- Acknowledge acts of kindness or random acts of patriotism (RAPS) using certificates located in MALTA Membership resources.

Activities and ideas will be rolled out throughout the year. I'm so excited to see how everyone is able to contribute to these goals! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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