



VFWA NEW MEXICO YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM Jessica Atencio Program Chair 2026-2027



Promotional July 2026

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Hi, my name is Jessica Atencio. I am President of my home post Gadsden Memorial Post 4384 in Anthony NM. I am also a newly elected District 3 President. My eligibility is through my grandfather, a WWII veteran. I am proud to be this year's Department Youth chairperson.

As youth chairperson my goal is to push literacy. July and August kids are on summer break. Have your auxiliary team up with libraries to do story time. Enjoy back to school and expose national night out (August 4th) and introduce kids to veterans. Talk with school teachers about making illustrating America contest a class project.

Important dates to remember are December 15th- Illustrating America entries are due to post. January 2027- first place in each grade level is due to the district for judging. January 15th- first place for each grade level is due to the department for judging. January 31st- first place winner in each grade level must be received at national headquarters for judging.

Have a happy and safe fourth of July!