## Youth Activities

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Hello Department of New Mexico,

My name is Dominique Garcia and I will be your Youth Activities Chairman, thank you madam President Beth for giving me this chairmanship.

## Goals:

- Patriotism through Literacy
  - o Teach students about American History and hopefully gain a love for reading
- Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue!
  - o National Anthem Singing contest for K-8 and 9-12
- Illustrating America
  - o Patriotic Theme Art Contest for K-2, 3-5, and 6-8

We are always encouraged to work with Youth whether its sponsoring, involving them in our programs and activities or working on projects with them.

How can we get them involved and work with them:

- o If allowed visit and volunteer at the VA or local nursing home
- o Events at the Post see if the youth can help decorate, be ushers, help with food, clean up
- o Have them write letters or cards for local veterans or troops overseas
- o Buddy Poppy drive- many people will give donations if they see the kiddos
- o Help with care packages going overseas
- o Maybe the kids can help a veteran clean their yard, learn computer skills

## Sponsoring Youth Groups:

- o Sports Teams
- o Church Groups
- o After-School Programs
- o School Clubs
- Home School Associations
- o Community Service Groups

## RAP Cards

- o Order through VFW Store
- o Create a store or reward system for the youth- they can earn RAP cards for helping and then turn them in for a reward

There will be more information at the upcoming Trainings, start coming up with ideas and working with our Youth.

Thank you, Dominique C Garcia

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