

## July 2023

Greeting Auxiliary Family,

There are so many different ways and opportunities to work the Youth program. I will be posting timely, reminders and suggestions that will help you develop your Auxiliary's Youth program to its fullest potential.

So, that being said....

Summer is a fun time and fun usually involves kids. It's also great to incorporate a bit of patriotic fun into group activities, picnics and family gatherings.

Kids love flags. Consider giving out hand held flags and teaching the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bring a few color sheets when visiting or at an event with children, explaining the significance of each depiction.

Sing patriotic songs like, the Star-Spangled Banner.

As summer winds down and it's time to go back to school, maybe consider an August school supply drive, or fill backpacks for local organizations.

Literacy has always been a cornerstone of our freedom. With a declining literacy rate in our country, it is more important now than ever, that we encourage our youth to develop this vital life skill.

You could volunteer to read at a story time in your local community or select and donate some of the wonderful titles you will find in Malta under Youth Activities.

Since you're in Malta checking out the book list, take a look at the R.A.P. awards, the Illustrating America Coloring Contest, the Get Ready for the Red White and Blue National Anthem Singing Contest, and many other ways we can acknowledge and cultivate a tender patriotic heart.

Have a Great Summer.