

## Children and Youth

November/December



### Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2)

Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2) honors military children who may be experiencing a separation from one or both parents, whether deployed to a war zone, having a short tour or on an extended temporary duty assignment. We can also share these with children whose parents are currently, not just deployed. The big out take from this is that we are recognizing their sacrifices.

KDH2 buttons may be ordered through a vendor or made yourself. You can also make sheets of stickers with the logo. You can download a file for KDH2 with instructions at

[www.alaforveterans.org/programs/children-and-youth/](http://www.alaforveterans.org/programs/children-and-youth/). Include with this article is the order form to order proud parents or grandparents' buttons.

With data privacy for our military families you may be saying you can't find these children. Contact your local school social workers and counselors and ask them if your unit can print some sticker or have buttons made that they can keep in their office to use. Contact the local Family Readiness groups in your area and to the same asking if you can bring some in for them to distribute.



Don't forget to ask your Junior members if they know any students in their schools that they would like to have available to hand out. I will be contacting our Minnesota ALA Girls State and MN American Legion Boys State chairman to have some available for their sessions in June 2020.

Some may not want the recognition, but we should always offer it to them and respect their decision. So, don't feel hurt if a child may say no to wearing the sticker or button, but let them take it with them. It still may need the world to them, but they may not want the attention in public.

If you are having an event within your community to promote the Auxiliary and membership have stickers or buttons available at your table for military families who may be attending.

### Recommended Books about Military Deployment to Support our Military Children

**Hero Mom** by Melinda Hardin

**H is for Honor** by Devin Scillian

**Coming Home** by Greg Ruth

**Lily Hates Goodbyes** by Jerilyn Marler

**My Red Balloon by Eve Bunting**

**Don't Forget, God Bless Our Troops** by Jill Biden

**My Dad's Deployment an Activity Book** by Julie LaBelle

**Hero Dad** by Melinda Hardin

**Lilla's Sunflowers** by Colleen Kosinski

**Papa's Backpack** by James Carrell

**Night Catch** by Brenda Ehrmantraut

**Sometimes We Were Brave** by Pat Brisson

## Youth Hero and Good Deed Awards

The American Legion Auxiliary created the Youth Hero and Good Deed awards, in 2002, to recognize boys and girls under age 18 who have showed heroic acts or have helped others.

So, what is the difference between the two awards?

### Youth Hero Award

Demonstrated a physical act of valor (CPR, first aid, rescuing someone)

### Good Deed Award

Showed a leadership role within the community by donating time, and/or money for a worthy cause (supporting our military, Locks of Love, food drive, etc.)



As a unit you can contact your local community leaders, newspapers, schools to give information on the awards that are available. Also, as members, remember to monitor local news of children who could earn the awards.

## Donations

The 2019-2020 American Legion Auxiliary donation form when out to units in the last unit mailing. The following affiliated programs were approved at the Department Executive Committee meeting and are a part of donations for the Children and Youth program: Child Welfare Foundation, Legionville, and Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA). Please note, that if your unit is able to donate to these programs, use the donation form and send to the Department office directly.

## Midyear Reports

REQUESTING YOUR INPUT: As the Department Chairman I submit a midyear report to our National Chairman. I would like to hear from you, the unit and district chairman, as how you are working the program. This does not have to be a long tedious report.

- ♥ What is your unit/district doing to promote the Youth Hero/Good Deed awards?
- ♥ How is your unit/district working the Children and Youth programs?
- ♥ How did your unit/district demonstrate “Celebrating a Century of Service” with the focus on the “Health and Well-being of our Veterans, Military and their Children”?
- ♥ What success stories do you have?
- ♥ You don’t have to answer each question, but PLEASE share what you are doing so we can show National that the Department of MN members are here for our Children and Youth.
- ♥ My email is [RobinLDorf@yahoo.com](mailto:RobinLDorf@yahoo.com) or mail to PO Box 1236, Monticello MN 55362
- ♥ DUE DATE to me – Friday, December 20, 2019

## EXCITING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

A flyer is included in this mailing of an opportunity to give back to our military and their families. Please take the time to share with your unit members and if you have any questions please contact me.

**Robin Dorf ~ Department Children and Youth Chairman**



# American Legion Auxiliary

## Youth Hero and Good Deed Award Nomination Form

NAME OF YOUTH \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Initial Last

Youth's date of birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted by Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. of \_\_\_\_\_

Description of bravery and/or deed performed by youth (to be completed by unit)

- **Good Deed Award** – Youth should demonstrate leadership role in community service, specific deed should be present
- **Youth Hero Award** - Youth should demonstrate a physical act of valor

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Please attach news clippings or include website to verify the deed being recognized.

### UNIT CERTIFICATION (MUST BE CERTIFIED BY TWO UNIT MEMBERS)

Unit Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Units should send completed applications to their department secretary.*

### DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CERTIFICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Department secretary mail nomination to ALA National Headquarters, 3450 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, or email to [Children&Youth@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:Children&Youth@ALAforVeterans.org). Awards will be shipped at no cost.

Please ship to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Please use this form for all Youth Hero and Good Deed Award nominations. For more information, contact National Headquarters at [Children&Youth@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:Children&Youth@ALAforVeterans.org) or (317) 569-4500.*

#### NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY

Date received \_\_\_\_\_

Date shipped \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Hero Award  Good Deed Award

By \_\_\_\_\_

# Children and Youth "Proud Parent of a Military Child" Honor Button

The sacrifice by the children of our servicemembers is something we all recognize. In consideration of this fact, the Children and Youth Committee have developed and embraced an initiative to honor the children of those who are serving by the family members and friends who love them most. A commemorative honor button is the perfect choice to remember and recognize our children who suffer when a parent is deployed or serving in remote locations. Let them know they are a hero too and show you care by honoring them proudly.



## How do I order my button?

1. Scan a photo as a .jpg or .pdf file and send via email to [greenlure@yahoo.com](mailto:greenlure@yahoo.com)
2. Put your name in the subject line of the email
3. Mail form with payment to address below. Upon receipt of email we will match with form.

*Do not worry about sizing or cropping...we will take care of that on our end.*

4. If you can't scan - no problem. Mail the photo with form information and payment to the address below. We will return your photo with the button.

**Photo Button .....\$5.00/ea**

## Special Offer Free!

For every "Proud Parent" button ordered, receive a free "I'm a Hero 2" button for your littlest hero to proudly wear!



## Honor Them Proudly! Order Now!

Please complete all information and mail form with payment to the address noted.  
You may submit up to three photos per form. This form may be photocopied

## Your Information Here

Photo #1 description of photo qty x \$5.00/ea \$ Total

identify family member for button (mother, uncle, grandpa etc.)

Photo #2 description of photo qty x \$5.00/ea \$ Total

identify family member for button (mother, uncle, grandpa etc.)

Photo #3 description of photo qty x \$5.00/ea \$ Total

identify family member for button (mother, uncle, grandpa etc.)

**Total All.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## Mail Form, Payment, Photos Here

**Greenlure**  
2633 Shasten Street  
Grove, OK 74344



Questions/Problems...Call: 913-837-0556  
email: [greenlure@yahoo.com](mailto:greenlure@yahoo.com)

Make Checks Payable to:  
**Greenlure**

Finished button size is 2-1/4"