



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

“Anyone who does anything to help a child is a hero to me.” ~ Fred Rogers, television personality
The American Legion Auxiliary’s Children and Youth program is a mission outreach program. Our emphasis is protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans’ and military families.

How can we do this?

Support Children and Youth in our communities

- ♥ Youth Hero Awards/Good Deed Awards
- ♥ April is Children and Youth Month

Support military children

- ♥ Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2)
- ♥ Purple Up! for Military Kids day (April 15).

Support our veterans’ children

- ♥ Support our homeless veterans with children living on the streets with them.
- ♥ Klinger, a Story of Honor and Hope – Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) is affiliated with the American Legion Family

Support the American Legion Children and Youth Programs

- ♥ Family Emphasis
 - The Family Support Network
 - Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)
- ♥ Child Safety
 - Halloween Safety
 - Missing Children
 - Drug and Alcohol Prevention
 - Youth Suicide Prevention
- ♥ The American Legion Children’s Charities
 - American Legion Child Welfare Foundation
 - American Legion Endowment Fund
- ♥ Children and Youth Month

Please note changes to program:

- ♥ The company that manufactures and distributes Josh Dogs/GI Josh is closing operations. The hope is that this is a temporary situation and Josh will simply be in hiatus for a year.
- ♥ Star Spangled Kids (SSK) is moving to the Americanism program. Don't stop working this initiative; simply report it under Americanism.

More information is located on the National American Legion Auxiliary website and information will be in future unit mailings.

Resources

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Websites:

National American Legion Auxiliary Website
Minnesota American Legion Auxiliary Website
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ALAforVeterans.org
MNALA.org
MNLegion.org

Facebook:

ALA Children & Youth
American Legion Auxiliary-Department of Minnesota

Group by ALA Nation Headquarters

Resources available on the National Website:

Youth Hero/Good Deed Award Forms
Military child's Table Setting Ceremony
Proud Parent of Military Child Honor Button Order Form
I'm a Hero 2 Stickers
The American Legion Children and Youth Programs

Children and Youth Collaborations on National Website:

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Boys and Girls Clubs of America
Give an Hour

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