

Children and Youth

January/February

“The Children & Youth program emphasizes protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans’ and military families.”



The members of Minnesota went above and beyond December 13th to babysit our military family’s children, so they could attend a training in the morning and their military ball in the evening.



Was it hectic? Yes, but so rewarding seeing these children have a fun time doing activities and making new friends. They kept us going nonstop and I don’t know about the others, but I slept very well that night.

This event was organized by the American Legion Auxiliary but worked by the American Legion Family. I am not going to thank individuals, as I do not want to miss anyone. But this was a joint effort of so many loving people. A special thank you to those who donated their time by working the event, those who made monetary donations, and the special angels who donated activities for the children to do and the gifts they could take home.



Youth Hero and Good Deed Awards

Our National Children and Youth Chairman is emphasizing the Youth Hero and Good Deed Awards this year with the goal of reaching 100 for our 100th Anniversary.

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. For an explanation of the difference between the awards you can refer to the November/December unit mailing.

Purple Up! For Military Kids Day is April 15th

It is not too early to be planning what your unit is doing to Purple Up! This is a day for communities to wear purple to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices.

Purple indicates that all branches of the military are supported; Air Force blue, Army green, Navy blue, Marine red, and Coast Guard blue all thought to combine as a single color, purple.

Use the hashtag **#MNALAPurpleUp** to show your activities or take selfies of yourself and members wearing purple to support our military children.

DRAWING! I will be doing a random drawing from the hashtags for one lucky member!

Be creative and have fun celebrating our military children.

Robin Dorf
Children and Youth Chairman