



**Department of Minnesota**  
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Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2) November is the month to be thankful. To show our appreciation for our military, let us recognize their children in a special way. One of the key program statements for the Children & Youth program is Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2). It is an initiative honoring 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. If you know of children with a deployed parent, provide them with a special book about deployed parents. Check out the following. • I'll Lend You My Daddy (A Military Deployment Book for Kids. A Read-Together 32-page, fully illustrated, rhyming picture book. A heartwarming story of love, courage, and comfort during deployment for military families with the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines. • Sometimes I Want A Hug (Prepare for an emotional journey that's both heartfelt and hopeful, which helps children understand the ups and downs of a parent's deployment in a military family.) • Deployment: One of Our Pieces is Missing (a story about the challenging (and fun) changes a military family goes through when a parent is deployed.) Also units can get a button for the military children that say "I'm a Hero 2. by emailing Trash Ward at her email greenlare@yahoo.com. Information from the Northwestern Division newsletter. Other resources for the Children and Youth program can be found at: ALA for veterans.org.

The American Legion's Child's Table is a ceremony that honors the sacrifices of children in military families by setting a special table with symbolic items. Inspired by the POW/MIA remembrance table. Units can have a ceremony or put up the table at your post with a meaning of the items printed out. Items you will need for the table and what they symbolize:

The potted flowering plant symbolizes that a military child may flower and flourish where they are planted. The hand spade recognizes that they may be transplanted to a new place in the world at a moment's notice. The birthday hat and unlit candles, along with the baseball and glove, and ballet slippers represent special occasions that are missed.

The family photo depicting a child with his/her uniformed parent demonstrates our country's strength. The final touch to the table setting is the American flag to remind us that families are united in their commitment to national service, at home or away.

This is a great way to get your American Legion Auxiliary's Junior members involved.

Remember to make your Children and Youth activities fun.