



Department of Minnesota
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April is coming soon, let's get excited about our Children and Youth month, set up a military kids table in your post to draw attention to these children. Kids of Deployed are Heroes (KDH2) This program honors military children who may be experiencing separation from one or both parents, whether deployed to a war zone, or short tour of duty. We need to recognize their sacrifices. Our military children bear a difficult burden that most children do not. They may not always understand what's going on when their parents deploy or get re-assigned, depending on their age; we need to be available to support where and when we can. If you know a family with children of deployed parents make a purple basket with treats and deliver it to them, this acknowledges their sacrifices. But remember them all year long.

On April 15th we urge the communities to wear purple to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. It's time to purple up members, wear PURPLE that day!! Why purple? Because it indicates all the branches of our military. Combination of Air Force Blue, Army Green, Navy Blue, Marine Red, and Coast Guard Blue all thought to combine as a single color, Purple.

Pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House can be collected. Keep track of the weight for your report and drop off at McDonalds.

Keep a watch out for Youth Hero Awards and Good Deed Awards and take time to send in a nomination. Need help give me a call. Minnesota needs to submit what our children do.

The American Legion Auxiliary works with the American Legion on the Children and Youth program as it is one of the four pillars' programs we share. Working to make our military children's lives better, including our local children who all need us to be good mentors. We began working with the Children and Youth program way back in 1919, that work continues today.

Let's make April a fun month!