



Department of Minnesota September 2025 Unit Mailing Children & Youth

The Children and Youth program emphasizes protecting, caring for, and supporting children and youth. Particularly those of veterans and military families.

As your unit works on budgets for the upcoming year, consider making a donation to the following funds:

Child Welfare Being Foundation– To educate members and the general public about the Child Well-Being Foundation (CWF), its mission, and to provide financial assistance to The America. Legion in their efforts to award grants to youth-serving nonprofit organizations.

Legionville - Is a safety educational center offering quality instruction in school safety patrol methods and areas such as swimming, canoeing, first aid, intro to firearm safety, cyber safety, bus safety and much more.... Any organization or parent can sponsor a camper.

American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) - Awards cash grants up to \$1,500 to current active-duty service members or American Legion members with minor children at home. Helps families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities, and health expenses. [Legion.org/FinancialAssistance](https://legion.org/FinancialAssistance)

Items to collect and report on at year end: Ronald McDonald Pop Tabs, total pounds collected.
Kids of Deployed are Heros 2 (KDH2): This is a recognition program for military children who experience extended separation from their military parent or parents.

National has two awards to recognize and reward the positive actions of our children and youth.
Good Deed Awards: For youth 18 years of age or younger who have contributed in a special way to society thought a community project that demonstrates leadership in community service by planning, organizing, and executing a service project.

The Youth Hero Award: Recognizes someone less than 18 years of age who performs a heroic act of physical bravery.

April is the month of the Military child. April 15th is Purple Up Day, it is the official day for military children.

Resources a Unit can use: www.alaforveterans.org

More information coming, watch your unit mailing. If you need help working this program email or call me. Have a wonderful year working the Children and Youth Program.

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