



Junior Activities
Donna Arends ~ Chairman

The Junior Activities program inspires active participation to Junior Members prior to age 18. American Legion Honorary Auxiliary members can be active participants in the program several ways.

- Attending American Legion Family events throughout their posts, units and districts. Encourage your Junior's friends to attend American Legion Family events and volunteering opportunities even if they are not eligible to join.
- Encourage Juniors to participate in the Junior Patch program. There are three levels of Patch Criteria. Red level Kindergarten - 3rd grade. Gold level 4th grade- 8th grade, Blue level 9th grade - 12th grade or age 18. All forms and instructions can be found at: alaforveterans.org under the Junior Auxiliary program.
- Junior members can attend Membership Rallies, Fall Conference, District Mid Winters, District Conventions, Department Junior Conference and fun night prior and Department Convention.

The Junior Activities Trophy and Awards this year will consist of on the National Level:

- #1. Jr. Member of the year
- #2. Most Outstanding Unit Jr. Activities program
- #3. Best Media Coverage of an Activity or Project.

Department Junior Conference Awards with classes for each contest as follows:

- Class #1. Ages 6 and under
- Class #2. Ages 7-12
- Class #3. Ages 13-18

Awards will be:
1st Place \$10.00
2nd Place \$5.00

There is no limit to the number of entries per unit (1 entry per junior per contest). Contests this year will be:

1. Poppy Accessories Contest Jewelry or accessory using Hon. Pres. Emily's theme "Juniors Catching Veterans Hearts".
2. Poppy Memorial Day Wreath - All white tags must be removed from the poppies.
3. Tag Board - Junior who designs the most creative Tag Board using Honorary Junior President Emily's theme "Juniors Catching Veterans Hearts" with a softball as her symbol. Include at least one Poppy with the white tag removed.
4. Poppy Centerpiece using Honorary Junior President Emily's theme and symbol again. All white tags removed from the poppies.

Name, District, Unit and Class must be put on a card in an envelope attached to each entry.

It's an old cliché I realize, "Juniors are our Future". However, it is so true. So let's start them on the right path.

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Junior Activities Chairman 2019-2020