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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

Hoping that units our focusing on:

Number One:

- ⑩ "Star Spangled Kids" This is an ALA program to educate children and youth on the history of the United States from the aspect of patriotism, Americanism, and the US. Constitution.
- ⑩ Unit Ideas: Offer to make a "Star Spangled" presentation to your local schools. Invite post members to help students learn how their military service was meaningful in defending the US. Constitution.
- ⑩ Contact local high schools to invite them to encourage their students to use their knowledge of the U. S. Constitution by participating in the America Legion Oratorical Contest.

Number Two

- ⑩ Youth Hero Award/ Good Deed Awards: This is a way the ALA can recognize youth in our communities who demonstrate good citizenship, either through a brave physical act or a good deed.
- ⑩ To recognize and reward the positive actions of our children and youth, the American Legion Auxiliary has two special national awards bestowed to youth nominated by units.
 - ↘ The Youth Hero Award recognizes someone less than 18 years of age who performs a heroic act of physical bravery.
 - ↘ The Good Deed Award is for youths 18 years of age or younger who have contributed in a special way to society through community service.
- ⑩ Unit ideas: Contact local schools, churches and youth groups to make them aware of the Youth Hero/Good Deed Awards. Make sure to leave unit contact information. Identify children in the community who may be or are facing hospitalization for the first time and who may benefit from a Josh and friends dog and book.

Number Three

- ⑩ Kids of Deployed are Hero's 2 (KDH2): This is a recognition program for military children who experience extended separation from their military parent or parents.
- ⑩ GI Josh: An American Legion Family alliance, GI Josh is a plus dog and accompanying story book used to help ease separation fears for the military children.
- ⑩ American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) - This fund is specifically designed to assist minor children of eligible veterans through cash grants, which contribute to a stable home environment. These grants help families meet the cost of shelter, utilities, food, and medical expenses.

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