



American Legion Auxiliary Department of California  
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Junior Activities and Junior Conference



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Good Morning/Afternoon, Ladies.

I am Liz Doidge, and I am so excited to serve as the Department Junior Activities Chairman this year. As listed in the bulletin for the juniors, each district has a folder. An envelope with the information has also been created for every unit in each district. The Juniors are our future. Let's work this year to get our Juniors excited about the programs and start the process of really building up our Junior program.

We will be holding Junior Leadership workshops in California over the next couple of months. Flyers will be out soon, but here are dates and locations for you:

- September 9th Rio Linda (Double with the Senior Member Workshop),
- September 17th- District 16,
- September 30th- Oceanside (Double with the Senior Member Workshop),
- October 22nd District 18.

We encourage Districts to consider a District Juniors. District 18 began a District Junior Group a couple years ago. They started off with 3-5 girls from a few of the units. The units didn't have enough girls to start a junior group. They've slowly grown, but now have around 12 girls at each of their meetings. They meet once a month on Sunday Afternoon, which doesn't conflict with school or other activities. Not only have the Juniors grown, but they have been able to get units who haven't been involved with the District more involved. Please reach out, even if you only have a few girls in your District. We will be more than happy to help get you started.

Do you know how many levels there are for the patch program? Three K-3, 4-8, 9-12. Have you heard about the special patch? Girls can earn a special patch by raising donations for the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship. \$5 for every year old. So a 5 year old needs to raise \$25 to earn the patch. A 17 year old needs to raise \$85. National recently informed us of some changes to the patch program: there is a New Star Spangled Kids Patch, an updated National Security Patch, and a new Community and Family Safety Patch. S.A.L. members are also able to now participate in our Patch program.

And finally, our fund raising: Junior Conference Tickets. Junior Conference is an annual event that is held in April at Wonder Valley Resort. This year it will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>. Each District was given one book of tickets for each unit, each post, each chapter, and SAL Districts. Our goal is to raise \$10,000. If every unit and posts participates by purchasing just one book, we will hit our goal. A couple districts, Department Chairman and Past Presidents did not get their packages after convention in June. If you have not received them from me this weekend already, please visit the Juniors table and get them. For every book of tickets purchased this weekend you will get a raffle ticket for prizes. The winning tickets will be chosen at the end of the weekend. Please also see me if you would like extra tickets for your District or unit to sell.

Serving Our Veterans,

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