

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## BULLETIN I

What is this program, and why do we have it?

The Children & Youth Program emphasizes protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans' and military families.

What can your Unit do?

### **Support Children and Youth in your community.**

\* **Youth Hero Awards/Good Deed Awards:** This is an ALA program to recognize youth who demonstrate a heroic act of physical valor or who exemplify community service in action.

Monitor newspapers, TV and neighborhoods for children and youth who have performed a heroic act of physical valor such as performing CPR, helping evacuate in the event of a fire, calling 911 for an emergency, etc. Work with your unit to nominate them for a Youth Hero/Good Deed Award. Contact local schools, churches and youth groups to make them aware of the Youth Hero/Good Deed Awards. Make sure to leave your unit contact information. When a Youth Hero/Good Deed award is approved, contact local media, community school leaders and the child's parents, and plan for a public presentation of the award.

\* Offer to make a "Star Spangled" presentation to your local schools. Invite your Legion Family members to help students learn how their military service was meaningful in defending the U.S. Constitution. Create a Unit Citizenship Award for children and youth who have learned the ideals of the U.S. Constitution.

Share a constitutional fact each month in the unit newsletter, the newspaper editorial and/or on social media. September 17 is Constitution Day (Citizenship Day). Host a party that revolves around the U.S. Constitution for children. Print and distribute pocket copies of US Constitutions to schoolchildren and don't forget include our Junior members. Encourage high school aged student to use their knowledge of the US Constitution by participating in The American Legion Oratorical Contest.

*Did you know!*

*It took one hundred days to actually "frame" the Constitution.*



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