



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of California



2022-23
Children and Youth Program
November Bulletin

Welcome to Fall and the Holiday Season!

This Conductor is now asking all Unit **Children and Youth** Chairmen to begin focusing on their mid-year reports, which are due to District Chairmen by **December 1st, 2022**. District reports are due to this Chairman by **December 15th, 2022**. And once your Unit's statistical report has been completed please consider writing a supplemental narrative that highlights your Unit's accomplishments in this program since July 1st. By doing this your District Chairmen will also be able to create supplemental reports that note the wonderful work done in your respective Units so far! I know that our Western Division and National Chairmen are looking forward to learning about California's accomplishments with Children and Youth, so please share your stories with me so they, in turn, can be passed on. Please include photos of any events involving children on a separate sheet. **All pics MUST be sent in .pdf or .jpg format in the highest resolution possible.** Please include the event name, Unit/District, and only the child's first name. (Be sure you have on file a signed parent consent form for each photo that includes children.) Mid-year reporting forms were distributed to District C/Y chairmen via email in early October; they were asked to share the forms with their Unit counterparts as soon as possible. In case you have not received the form you will find both the Unit and District forms behind this Bulletin.

Our National Children & Youth Chair, Pam Ray, has challenged every state to give out at least one Youth Hero/Good Deed Award this year. I'm asking California to meet this challenge, so let's get busy and find those youngsters who deserve to be acknowledged for their good deeds and/or heroism, then submit their name(s) to National for recognition, and plan a special activity or event to celebrate them! The nomination form and sample media release are attached to this Bulletin for your convenience. The form is fillable and can be submitted online once the application has been completed. Please be sure to Save a copy of your work prior to submitting it! Go to www.alaforveterans.org/Children&Youth to complete an application.

It's hard to believe that the holidays are just around the corner and it's a most magical time for children! It is never too late to plan your children's activities. Involve your Juniors with gathering, assembling, and delivering food baskets for Thanksgiving to needy military families in your community. Consider a Christmas party event with gifts and Santa for the young children/grandchildren of American Legion Family members. Be creative!

The Friendship Train is now touring our great State, with a scheduled layover in Ontario, CA, for the annual Department Executive Mid-Year Meeting, January 13-15, 2023, where this Conductor plans to share the many great stories captured in your mid-year reports.

Susan Baker, Children and Youth Chairman

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Barack Obama once said "our most important task as a nation is to make sure all our young people can achieve their dreams."



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Youth Hero and Good Deed Award Nomination Form

Good Deed Award

- Youth should demonstrate a leadership role in community service
- A specific deed should be present
- Winners receive a certificate

Youth Hero Award

- Youth should demonstrate a physical act of valor
- Winners receive a medal and certificate

Please email Children&Youth@ALAforVeterans.org with any questions.

Name of Youth (Please check spelling) *

First Name

Last Name

Youth's Age

Award requested:*

Youth Hero - should demonstrate a physical act of valor.

Good Deed - should demonstrate a leadership role in community service, specific good deed should be present.





Description of bravery and/or deed performed by youth:*

Please include website link to verify the deed being recognized.

File

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File uploads may not work on some mobile devices.

Please upload any additional documentation here. Accepted file types are jpg, jpeg, tif, pdf, doc, docx, wmv, mpg, mpeg.

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If you have any ***additional*** documentation you wish to include for consideration with this nomination, please forward the file(s) to Children&Youth@ALAforVeterans.org.

Submitted by Unit *

Department of*

State

Nominating Member's Name*

First Name

Last Name

Email address*



Phone*

Ship award to:*

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

ZIP Code

Submit Form





American Legion Auxiliary Media Release

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Street Address, City, State ZIP Code

www.ALAforVeterans.org (and your unit's Website, if available)

Contact: [PR Chairman], [PR Chairman's Phone Number]; [PR Chairman's e-mail Address]
for [Department President's Name]

[DATE]

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

American Legion Auxiliary recognizes [CITY] youth with bravery award

[CITY]--The American Legion Auxiliary of [STATE] recently awarded [CHILD'S FULL NAME] of [CITY] the "Youth Hero Award" on [DATE]. The award is given to youth under age 18 who perform a heroic act of physical valor.

[CHILD'S LAST NAME], [AGE], was selected for the award when he/she was nominated for the action of [DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL ACT OF VALOR].

Local American Legion Auxiliary members from Unit # are extremely proud of [NAME]'s accomplishments and his/her heroic actions within the community.

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is a community of volunteers serving veterans, military, and their families. Our members also support the mission of The American Legion in improving the quality of life for our nation's veterans. Proud sponsor of ALA Girls Nation, National Poppy Day® and recognized for advocating for veterans on Capitol Hill, the more than 600,000 ALA members across the country volunteer millions of hours annually and raise millions of dollars in service to veterans, military, and their families. Founded in 1919, the ALA is one of the oldest patriotic membership organizations in the U.S.A. To learn more and to volunteer, join, and donate, visit www.ALAforVeterans.org.

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**Children And Youth
Unit Mid-Year Report 2022-2023**

Unit Name and Number: _____ District # _____

Unit Chairman Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Service to our Children and Youth – Military & Non-Military

1. Patriotic programs for youth, including Americanism Programs in schools, and flag etiquette, Please give a brief narrative of your unit activities to promote the Children & Youth program:

2. Youth Hero/Good Deed Awards. Please give a narrative of the awards given.
 - a. Youth Hero Nominations _____
 - b. Youth Good Deed Nominations _____

3. Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2). Please share the activities that your Unit held which focused on this component:

4. Child Welfare Foundation – Did your Unit or a member of your Unit donate to this program?
_____ Yes _____ No
Dollar amount _____ Did your unit donate \$1.00 per member? _____ Yes _____ No
Please give a brief narrative of your donations. (Please attach a copy of the donation form or receipt to this report if your Unit or a member in your Unit donated.)

5. Temporary Financial Assistance – How many applications for TFA did your Unit receive? _____
Total amount of TFA awarded since July 1, 2022 \$ _____
Provide a brief narrative of assistance provided:

6. Did your Unit conduct the Military Child’s Table Setting Ceremony? _____ Yes _____ No

7. Please share any other C&Y activities that your Unit has participated in to support military children and/or children of homeless veterans:

REPORT IS DUE TO YOUR DISTRICT CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN **DECEMBER 1ST**.

(The list of District Chairmen is attached to this form.)

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**Children and Youth
District Mid-Year Report 2022-2023**

District # _____ Total # of Members _____ Srs. _____ Jrs. _____

District Chairman Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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How many Units/Individuals in your District donated to this program? _____ Total Dollar amount \$ _____
Did Units in your District donate \$1.00 per member? _____

Please give a brief narrative of the donations made by your District: (Please attach a copy of the donation form or receipt for those members/units who donated.)

5. Temporary Financial Assistance:

How many applications for TFA did Units in your District receive and process? _____

Total amount of TFA awarded since July 1, 2022 \$ _____

Provide a brief narrative of assistance provided:

6. How many Units in your District conducted the Military Child's Table Setting Ceremony? _____
7. Please share any other C&Y activities that your District participates in to support military children and/or the children of homeless veterans:

Report must be received by your Department chairman no later than **December 15, 2022.**

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