

## Children and Youth 2024-2025 November 2024



Hello to all the amazing wonder women

The Southern Workshop was a huge success so I thought it would be fitting to make it my bulletin for November. The national Chairman is Lisa Chaplin from the department of Virginia and the Western Division chairman is Joan Hernandez from Idaho. We had our first zoom call on September 30<sup>th</sup>. It was a very informative meeting, and they gave us some ideas of what to focus on.

1) The National Chairman Lisa has sent out the first newsletter and she has encouraged all children and youth chairman to join our ALA Children & Youth Facebook group, where you will find updates, reminders, and a place to share ideas throughout the ALA year. You can find our group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALACHildrenandYouth>

2) Youth Hero and Good Deed Award. Once again, I'm going to suggest that you team up with either the Community Service Chairman or even public relations to find those outstanding youth.

The difference between Youth Hero Award and the Good Deed Award is:

**Youth Hero Award** -- Youth should demonstrate a physical act of valor

**Good Deed Award**-- Youth should demonstrate a leadership role in community service and A specific deed should be present.

The forms are online and will be sent straight to nationals but please send me a copy because I would love to be able to include this in my end of year report. Would it be amazing if we were able to get at least one from each District. I think maybe we might be able have a little competition with this.

3) Nationals has put out a challenge that we collect one dollar from each member for the Child Welfare fund. If you do not know this goes straight to the American Legion to be able to fund grants that benefit children. One grant was for low-income families to be able to monitor newborn infants for Sudden infant death and they have also funded liver transplants for children and so many more. They are listed on the American Legion website. I have been talking with Madam President Linda on how to be able to track the donations better so we can make sure that we get recognized for our donation. Stay tuned.

We have exciting news, with the permission from Madam President Linda we are going to be teaming up with our National Security Chairman Linda Lara-Guzman and at the DEC we are going to be having a Canned food Drive. This will support all our local military bases and food pantries that are in need. We are asking everyone who attends DEC to bring canned foods and then we will have bags so that everyone can take what they need to support their local military bases and food pantries. This will benefit the entire state of California. The Flyer is on the department website.

I'm going to keep reminding you of Temporary Financial Aide. TFA is specifically designed to assist minor children of eligible veterans through cash grants. We have already had one application for this year, it has been processed and paid. I will be reporting on this at DEC, with the permission from the unit and district.

To Quote Wonder woman: We Will Fight for Those Who Cannot Fight for Themselves. If you have any questions, I'm just a phone call, text message or email away. For God and Country Tracy Varnell Fercho  
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