



Children and Youth 2024-2025 January 2025

Hello to all the amazing wonder women

Frist off I would like to say Happy new Year to everyone, and I hope everyone had an amazing Holiday season.

I was so proud of the Midyear reports that I had received. I will be sharing some of the great things each units and districts has done in my report at DEC and also giving an outline of things we might want to focus on until we meet again in June. Speaking of DEC I hope you are all trying to be able to attend. If not for the entire weekend just try to come for at least one day, to hear all about each program and what other units and districts are doing, just maybe you can get some new ideas to take back with you.

As we had talked about last month, we did have our Zoom Call with National for children and youth program. The first thing is that they have changed the name of The American Legion Child welfare fund to The American Legion Child well being fund. They did talk a lot about donations to this fund and I think a good challenge for us would be if every member could donate just 1 dollar, we would have over \$18,000 from California. You could do it by unit strength or by district. I know it is hard because we do ask so much of our units to donate here and there, and it adds up but please let me know when you donate because at convention, I do plan on have a special prize for that unit and/or districts that were able to meet the challenge. They also spoke about Good Deed and Youth Hero Awards. Many other states are leaps and bounds ahead of us with submitting for these awards. I know we have those amazing youths out there and with the holidays just passing I'm sure we can find them. Please reference last month's bulletin regarding the difference between the two awards. Also once again please send a copy if you submit a youth for either award.

DEC (Department Executive Committee) is here, and we are only 17days away, I'm so excited to be able to see everyone and hear all the accomplishments so far. Please do not forget about the can- food drive we are having, there will be a table set up just for the can- food drive and there also will be someone there to except items. Please remember on Sunday or even on Saturday after session you can start taking items that you need to fill your Military Bases or Community pantries because no Child should go Hungry. (Please bring bags)

The last thing is I would like to know if you would like to have a Children and Youth Zoom Call after DEC. I think it might be a good idea for those who could not make DEC and even those members who did. The reason I ask is because I know that there are so many Zoom calls, and I just do not want to overload anyone. Please email me so I can ask Madam President if this would be okay, and I could set it up maybe for the last week in January 2025.

Please let me know if I can be of help with anything. I'm only a phone call, text or email away.

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