American Legion Auxiliary
Children and Youth Programs

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Children & Youth
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Teamwork

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much”.

– Helen Keller
Purpose

• Emphasis: protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families, through programs and activities such as:
  – Youth Hero and Good Deed Awards
  – Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2)
  – Junior Activities Patch Program
  – ALA Scholarships
  – Month of the Military Child
  – Klinger, a Story of Hope and Honor
  – A.L.F.
Youth Hero and Good Deed Awards

• **Good Deed Award**
  – Youth should demonstrate leadership in community service.

• **Youth Hero Award**
  – Youth should demonstrate a physical act of valor.
Youth Hero and Good Deed Awards

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YOUTH HERO AWARD
Presented to Tatiana Gomez
Department of California
For performing an act of bravery, courage and fortitude

GOOD DEED AWARD
Presented to Tanner Kenin
Department of Iowa
In recognition of a good deed, community service or humanitarian contribution celebrating Service, Not Self.
Youth Hero Award Criteria

Demonstrates a physical act of valor such as:

- Performing the Heimlich maneuver
- Performing CPR
- Administering First Aid
- Rescue from fire or water peril
Youth Hero Award

Brave young lady

Act of bravery

• Tatiana Gomez of Calipatria, CA
• Saved her mom’s life
Good Deed Award Criteria

Donates time and/or money for a worthy cause, such as:

• Military Support
  – Baby Shower for military family
  – Care packages for troops overseas
  – Natural Disaster clean up and activism

• Food Drives
• Lemonade Stand
• Veterans Memorial
• Collecting coats, clothes, supplies for homeless shelters
• Organizing fundraisers to support mission related charitable organizations
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Good Deed Award Winner

- Tanner Kenin from Urbandale, Iowa
- T’s Angel Hands
- Free grocery delivery service for seniors and shut-ins during COVID
Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2

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April is the Month of the Military Child
Klinger, A Story of Honor and Hope
Operation A.L.F.

What: Plush puppy developed by the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin

For: Gift to kids to provide comfort

For more information about A.L.F. visit www.wisal.org/alf
Junior Activities Patch Program
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Coming Soon to a Junior member or young SAL member near you!
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• Watch for a new patch coming soon! It will be focused on our veterans and the National Creative Arts Festival!
Scholarships

- Children of Warriors National Presidents’ Scholarship
- Non-Traditional Student Scholarship
- Spirit of Youth Scholarship
- Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship
- ALA Girls Nation/TAL Boys State
- Junior Activities
- Legion Scholarships
  - Samsung American Legion Scholarship
  - The American Legion’s Legacy Scholarship
  - Oratorical Contest, Baseball Scholarship, Eagle Scout of the Year & Shooting Sports
Collaborative Ventures

- Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)
- Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)
- Big Brothers / Big Sisters of America
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America
- Give an Hour
Help raise awareness and identify the needs of homeless children by connecting with:

- Faith-based organizations
- Shelters
- Food Pantries
- Schools
- Voluntary Service representatives at VAMC facilities
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