American Legion Auxiliary
Children & Youth Programs

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National Chairman
Purpose

Emphasis on protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families, through programs and activities such as:

- Youth Hero/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 & Honor*
- *Hero At Home*
Youth Hero & Good Deed Awards

Good Deed Award – #ALAGoodDeed
Youth should demonstrate leadership role in community service, specific deed should be present

Youth Hero Award – #ALAYouthHero
Youth should demonstrate a physical act of valor
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
- Canned food drive
- Lemonade stand
- Veterans’ Memorial
- Coat collection for homeless shelters
- Car wash
Youth Hero Award Criteria

Demonstrates a physical act of valor, such as:

- Performing the Heimlich Maneuver
- Performing CPR
- Administering first aid
- Rescuing from fire or water peril
Good Deed Award Winner

Kevin Waggoner II

- Eagle Scout project
- Raised funds and built sensory room for children with special needs at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School
- Life scout in Troop 183
Good Deed Award Winner

Abby, Scarlett & Violet

- Placed flowers on the sidewalk at their house
- “Have a pretty day. Take a flower.”
Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2

I'm A Hero 2

KDH2!
Junior Activities
Patch Program

In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country
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Scholarships

- Children of Warriors National Presidents’ Scholarship
- Spirit of Youth Scholarship
- Non-Traditional 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
April is the Month of the Military Child

Each year, April is set aside as Month of the Military Child. #MOMC
Klinger, a Story of Honor and Hope
Hero At Home

HERO AT HOME
by Sarah Verardo

In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country
Collaborative Ventures

• TAPS
• Boys and Girls Clubs of America
• Big Brothers/Big Sisters
• Give an Hour
• The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation
• The American Legion Family
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Special 100th Anniversary History Fact:
The ALA’s Children and Youth program started out as “Child Welfare” in 1931-1932 and was changed to Children and Youth in 1970-1971.