



YOUTH PROGRAMS

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2025-2026 Children & Youth Chair

PURPOSE

The purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary's Children & Youth committee is to work collaboratively with The American Legion to promote programs that protect, care for, and support children and youth, especially those of our military and veterans.



Children & Youth Month

Month of the Military Child

April 15th



#momc
#PurpleUp



Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2



KDH2!

Youth Hero & Good Deed Awards

- **Youth Hero Award**
 - Youth should demonstrate a physical act of valor.
- **Good Deed Award**
 - Youth should demonstrate leadership in community service.



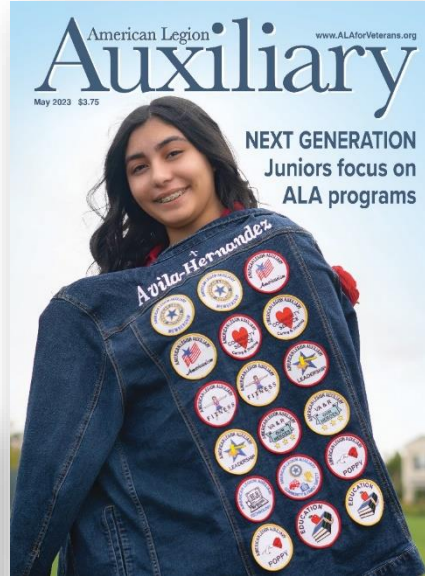


Junior Activities Patch Program





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- Purple Level: pre-K – Kindergarten
- Red Level: grades 1 – 4
- Gold Level: grades 5 – 8
- Blue Level: grades 9 - 12





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- Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship Fund
- New! Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund



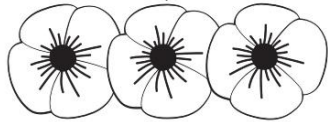


National Junior Meetings

- Nov. 15 – Albany and Minneapolis
- Jan. 31 – Indianapolis and Las Vegas
- Feb. 7 – Atlanta



ALA Coloring Books

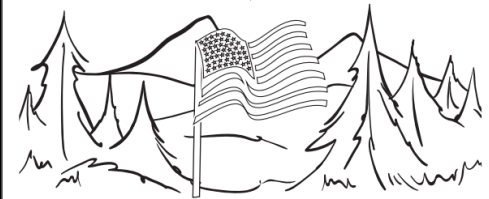


American Legion Auxiliary
Poppy Coloring Book



Have A Safe
Halloween!

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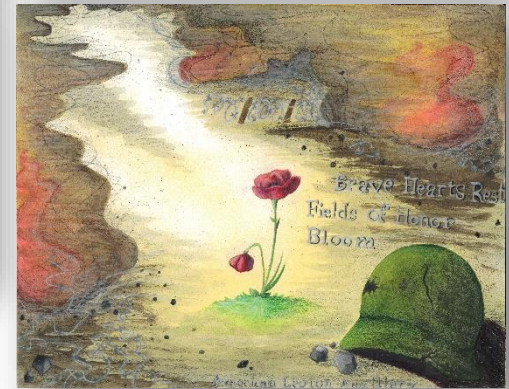
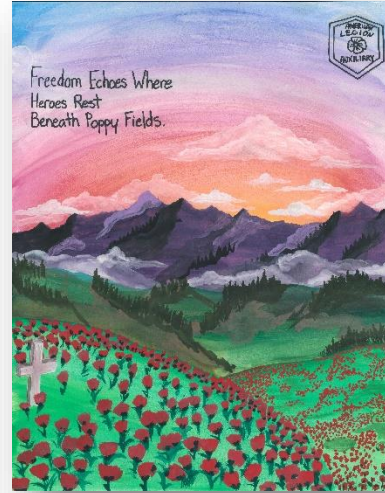
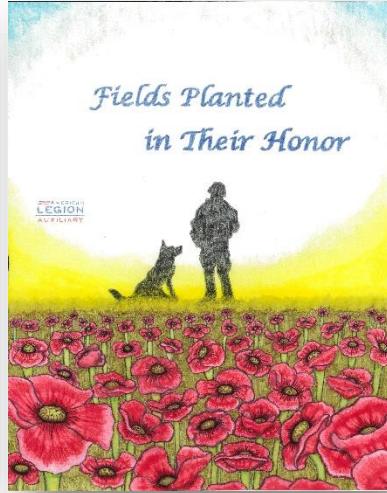
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America the Beautiful
Coloring Book

Americanism Essay Contest

“Celebrating America’s 250th Birthday and the Veterans who Fought for Our Freedom.”

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement*
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500
VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

Poppy Poster Contest



Scholarships

**Applications due
March 1st**

- **Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship**
 - 15 - \$5,000 scholarships awarded to seniors graduating high school
 - Must be a direct descendant of a veteran who served during The American Legion's eligibility dates
- **Spirit of Youth Scholarship**
 - 5 - \$5,000 scholarships awarded to ALA members graduating high school
 - Up to 47- \$1,000 scholarships
 - Must display active involvement with the ALA
- **Member Loyalty Scholarship**
 - Up to 10 - \$2,5000 scholarships awarded to ALA members currently enrolled in college
 - Must display active involvement with the ALA
- **Non-Traditional Student Scholarship**
 - 5 - \$2,000 scholarships awarded to students returning to higher education
 - Legion Family members, veterans, and veteran & military spouses are eligible

Military Child Table Ceremony

- Potted Flowering Plant
- Hand Spade
- Birthday Cake & Unlit Candles
- Baseball Glove & Ball
- Ballet Slippers
- Military Family Photo
- American Flag





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