

FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ONLY

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF
ARIZONA CONVENTION JUNE 25-28, 2026
RESOLUTION**

SUBMITTED BY: Marge Christianson, Debra Munchbach

SUBJECT: Executive Committee Approval of revised Jr. Member Awards

DATE: March 30, 2026

Resolution No. R10-2
(Assigned by Resolutions Committee)

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THIS RESOLUTION 10-2 TO APPROVE REVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT JUNIOR AWARDS IS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ONLY. ANTICIPATED VOTE WILL OCCUR AT POST-CONVENTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IF RESOLUTIONS 9 AND 10-1 ARE APPROVED BY CONVENTION DELEGATES.

WHEREAS, The delegates to the June 2026 Department of Arizona approved Resolution #9 Junior Meeting Terminology; and

WHEREAS, The delegates to the June 2026 Department of Arizona approved Resolution #10-1 Standing Rules Addendum Number 4 on Awards (Revised 2026) making the Executive Committee responsible for the approval and updating of all Department Awards; and

WHEREAS, There are eight (8) Department Awards which are submitted by and awarded to individual Junior members or Junior groups of a Unit; and

WHEREAS, These "Junior" Awards are:

- Evelyn Hoff Junior Prayer Book Memorial Plaque
- Connie Erickson Middlebrook Junior History Award Plaque
- Kory Lynn Jarvis Junior Member of the Year (JMOY) and Rising Star Junior (RSJ) Plaques
(2 separate Awards)
- Ronnie Stirling Junior Recruiter of the Year Plaque
- Little Miss Poppy Plaque
- Moulton Junior Auxiliary Plaque
- Ethel M. Jarvis Junior Service to Veterans Plaque; and

WHEREAS, There are four (4) Awards in the Junior Activities program which are submitted by and awarded to Senior Units; and

WHEREAS, These "Senior" Awards are:

- Elizabeth Ann Brown-Paxson Americanism Award for the Best Single Project Promoting Americanism
by Junior Members
- Junior Activities Plaque
Department Junior Activities Plaque to Unit with membership of 150 and under
Kitchen Junior Activities Plaque to Unit with membership of 151 and over
(2 separate Awards)
- Barbara Freda Junior Involvement Award; and

WHEREAS; The Junior Activities program has been approved as part of the 2026-2027 Presidents Special Project with the goal of improving the success of the Junior Activities program; now therefore be it

RESOLVED; That the Executive Committee approves the 2026 revisions of the twelve (12) awards listed above and as attached to this Resolution 10-2.

EVELYN HOFF
Junior Prayer Book Memorial Plaque (REVISED 2026)

SPONSORING ALA PROGRAM: CHAPLAIN

ELIGIBILITY: Any Junior group of a Unit in the Department of Arizona in good standing is eligible to submit for this award.

SUBMISSION TYPE: Book of Prayers

SUBMISSION DUE DATE/Period covered: Due at or before the Junior Convention, covering the period from the Unit's Junior Installation of Officers through the end of their term.

AWARD PRESENTATION: Department Junior Convention. Also, Department Senior Convention by invitation. The Department Plaque for the Junior Prayer Book award will continue as a traveling plaque to be kept with the Junior group's Unit for the next year. The individual Junior member responsible for creating the Jr. Prayer Book will receive a small plaque to keep.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Awards will be judged by a committee of 2 selected by the Department Chaplain with the Department Chaplain breaking a tie.

1. Prayers shall be inter-faith and non-denominational.
2. Original prayers shall be signed by the Junior and Senior members submitting them.
3. Original prayers by Junior members shall be in one section, Senior members in another.
4. Prayer book shall be divided into sections for other prayers collected such as Christmas, Patriotic, Blessings, Mothers, Children, etc. Each section will be named by divider pages. These prayers do not require a signature unless composed by a member. Give authors of prayers, if possible.
5. Non-denominational religious pictures or drawings may be used on divider pages.
6. Prayer book must be compiled by the Honorary Junior Chaplain (supervised by Junior Activities Chair or Senior Chaplain).
7. Prayers may be hand-printed or typewritten on paper with no lines and have a 1 inch margin (age considered).
8. Size of the book cover shall not be larger than 9.5" by 11.5 inches (standard loose leaf size).
9. The book will be furnished by the Junior member's Unit. It shall have the ALA emblem, Unit name, location and "Department of Arizona" on the cover. Cover may be printed, stamped or painted. Nothing placed above the emblem.
10. Only one prayer book from each Junior group of any Unit shall be submitted.
11. Judging:

Contents	40%
Arrangement and Neatness	15%
Number of Prayers	20%
Percentage of Junior member prayers submitted and signed	25%

PLEASE NOTE: National Awards, if applicable, follow a separate process and must be submitted directly to the National organization.

As of 2026 Prayer Books do not have a National Award equivalent.

CONNIE ERICKSON MIDDLEBROOK
Junior History Award Plaque (REVISED 2026)

SPONSORING ALA PROGRAM: History

ELIGIBILITY: Any Junior group of a Unit in the Department of Arizona in good standing is eligible to submit for this Unit award.

SUBMISSION TYPE: Typewritten History Book submitted on paper or electronically

SUBMISSION DUE DATE/Period covered: Due at or before the Junior Convention, covering the period from the Unit's Junior Installation of Officers through the end of their term.

AWARD PRESENTATION: Department Junior Convention. Also, Department Senior Convention by invitation. The Department Plaque for the Junior History will continue as a traveling plaque to be kept with the Junior group's Unit for the next year. The individual Junior member responsible for creating the Jr. History will receive a small plaque to keep.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Awards will be judged by a committee of 2 selected by the Department Historian with the Department Historian breaking a tie.

The entries will be judged and scored according to the following criteria:

- I. Introduction, Inclusions (10 scoring points) Single-spaced and centered in the middle of the page.
 1. Title Page
 - a. American Legion Auxiliary Unit Name & Number _____ Junior History
 - b. ALA department administrative year mo/yr to mo/yr
 - c. Name of Honorary Unit Junior Historian
 2. Foreword or dedication
 3. A prayer
 4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
 5. First verse of "The Star Spangled Banner"
 6. Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary
- II. Unit Information (10 scoring points) Single-spaced and centered in the middle of the page.
 1. List of elected and/or appointed Honorary Unit Junior officers for the current administrative year
 2. Photograph of Honorary Unit Junior President (optional, black & white or color, not to exceed 5 x 7 in.)
 3. List of the Honorary Department Junior President, Honorary Vice Presidents and other Honorary Officers for the current administrative year
 4. List of Department or National Junior awards received during the year
 5. Index (optional)
- III. Appearance (10 scoring points)
 1. For electronic submissions, be sure to use the letter size document. If a mailed entry, use plain, white paper, 8 ½ x 11 in.
 2. Page Setup:
 - a. Margins - Left and right margins will be 1.25 in.; top and bottom margins will be 1 in.

b. Pagination – Page numbers will begin on the first page of the historical content. They will be centered and placed 0.5 in. from the bottom of the page.

3. Spacing: Paragraphs may be indented or in block form.

4. Text: 12 point font, Times New Roman or Arial style font. Any mailed entry must be in a soft cover binder for loose-leaf paper, preferably blue with 2.5 inch gold foil American Legion Auxiliary seal centered on the cover or a regulation binder with imprinted seal.

IV. Content (70 scoring points) Double-spaced. The typed name/title and written signature (typed signature if submitting it electronically) of the Honorary Unit Junior Historian will immediately follow the final paragraph of the history.

1. The ALA Unit Junior history shall be written as a factual narrative beginning with the installation of Unit Honorary Junior officers and ending with the summary of end-of-year reports and closing events for that administrative year.

2. The history shall be written in third person.

3. Use clear, concise language with correct spelling.

4. Do not include or use computer graphics, pen or ink drawings, illustrations, extra material, or newspaper clippings, or other embellishments.

5. You may include up to five (5) photo images placed throughout the history. (optional)

6. Be original and unique in thought and presentation.

7. Be sure the Unit annual Junior History truly represents an historical account of the Junior group of the Unit – what the Unit Juniors accomplished. A Unit Junior History lists those who served as leaders and mentions notable awards of individual achievements. It is not a travelogue or diary of any officer or individual's itineraries. The content is about the Junior group of the Unit and its collective members' mission achievements.

PLEASE NOTE: National awards, if applicable, follow a separate process and must be submitted directly to the National organization.

As of 2026, individual Unit, Junior, and District History Books do not have a National Award equivalent.

As of 2026, the National Junior History Contest is ONLY for the Department Junior History Book created by the Honorary Junior Department Historian. The Honorary Junior Department Historian and the Headquarters office are responsible for submitting the Department Junior History to National for judging.

KORY LYNN JARVIS

Junior Member of the Year (JMOY) & Rising Star Junior (RSJ) Plaques (REVISED 2026)

SPONSORING ALA PROGRAM: Junior Activities

ELIGIBILITY:

- JMOY: Applicant must have been a Junior member at the start of the current ALA administrative year and be between the ages of 14-17.
- RSJ: Applicant must have been a Junior member at the start of the current ALA administrative year and be between the ages of 8-13 at the start of the current administrative year.
- All applicants must be Junior members in good standing of the American Legion Auxiliary.

SUBMISSION TYPE: Typewritten narrative supported by photos and other evidence of activities.

SUBMISSION DUE DATE/Period covered: Due by May 1 of the current calendar year for period covering May 1 of the previous calendar year through April 30 of the current calendar year.

AWARD PRESENTATION: Department Junior Convention. Also, Department Senior Convention by invitation. The Department Plaques for the Kory Lynn Jarvis Junior Member of the Year (JMOY) and Rising Star Junior (RSJ) will continue as traveling plaques to be kept with the winning Junior members' Units for the next year. The individual Junior members receiving the awards will receive a small plaque to keep.

AWARD CRITERIA (JMOY & RSJ)

Submissions will be judged by a committee of three (3) selected by the Department Junior Activities Chairman prior to the Junior Convention.

- Applicant's narrative will detail the Junior member's ALA participation and activities during the past year. Only activities from the last 12 months will be considered.
- Document with photographs, screenshots, and other evidence of Junior's ALA participation and activities.
- Narrative will be the applicant's original composition and may be checked for the use of AI. Narratives deemed 20% or more written by AI will be disqualified.
- Completed cover sheet will contain the name, age and address of Junior, Unit name and number, Unit membership total Senior and Junior at time of submission.

PLEASE NOTE: National awards in this category follow a separate process and must be submitted directly by the Junior member or her Unit (Not the Department Chairman or Department Headquarters) to the National organization.

Submission for a Department award is not required for National submissions.

Please contact the appropriate Department Chairman or see the National website (www.alaforveterans.org) for information about National awards and process for submission.

As of 2026:

National awards one (1) National Junior Member of the Year (JMOY) a \$5000.00 scholarship, an engraved plaque, a trip to the next National Convention, and authorization to attend the next National Junior Meeting in their Division at National's expense.

National also awards four (4) Divisional Junior Members of the Year (JMOYs) a \$1000.00 scholarship each, a citation plaque each, and authorization for each to attend the next National Junior Meeting in their Division at National's expense.

National chooses five (5) Rising Star Juniors, one (1) from each division. All 5 receive a citation plaque and are authorized to attend the next National Junior Meeting in their Division at National's expense.

VERY IMPORTANT: Submission for JMOY and RSJ National awards are to cover the period from June 1 of the previous calendar year through May 31 of the current calendar year. This differs from the period covered in the Department award.

RONNIE STIRLING
Junior Recruiter of the Year Plaque *(REVISED 2026)*

SPONSORING ALA PROGRAM: Membership

ELIGIBILITY: Any Junior member of the Department of Arizona in good standing is eligible to submit for this award. One award submission per Unit, written by the Junior with help from Senior member if required.

SUBMISSION TYPE: Typewritten narrative not to exceed 1000 words.

SUBMISSION DUE DATE/Period covered: Due by May 1 of the current calendar year for period covering May 1 of the previous calendar year through April 30 of the current calendar year.

AWARD PRESENTATION: Department Junior Convention. Also, Department Senior Convention by invitation. The Department Plaque for the Ronnie Stirling Junior Recruiter of the Year will continue as a traveling plaque to be kept with the winning Junior member's Unit for the next year. The individual Junior member receiving the award will receive a small plaque to keep.

AWARD CRITERIA:

The judging of the submissions for this award shall be made prior to the time of the Junior Convention by a committee of three (3) appointed by the Department Junior Activities Chairman.

- Number of new Junior members recruited
- How Junior member promoted membership
- How Junior member recruited new members
- Completed cover sheet will contain the name, age and address of Junior member, Unit name and number, Unit membership totals, Senior and Junior, at time of submission.

PLEASE NOTE: National awards follow a separate process and must be submitted directly to the National organization.

As of 2026 there is no National equivalent for this award.

Plaque placed in field November 2002

LITTLE MISS POPPY PLAQUE (REVISED 2026)

SPONSORING ALA PROGRAM: Poppy

ELIGIBILITY: Any Junior member between 6 and 12 years of age as of June 1 of the current administrative year in the Department of Arizona and in good standing is eligible for this award. (eg administrative year 2025-2026 would be June 1, 2025.

To be submitted by the Unit or the Junior Member.

SUBMISSION TYPE: Traditional or electronic Scrapbook to include narrative and photos

SUBMISSION DUE DATE/Period covered: Due by May 1 of the current calendar year for period covering May 1 of the previous calendar year through April 30 of the current calendar year.

AWARD PRESENTATION: Department Junior Convention. Also, Department Senior Convention by invitation. There is no traveling Unit plaque for Little Miss Poppy. The individual Junior member receiving the award receives a plaque to keep.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Awards will be judged by a committee of 3 selected by the Department Poppy Chairman.

- The memorial poppy must be visible in all promotion and publicity submitted.
- There is no specific dress code or dress color for Little Miss Poppy.
- Promotion of the Poppy Program: What did you share and do?
- Publicity of poppy activities (newspapers, radio/TV, etc.).
- Submitted book/file must include the following information (both pictures and descriptions)
 - What I learned during my time as Little Miss Poppy?
 - How I shared the story of the poppy with my community?
 - What does the poppy mean to me?
 - What activities did I attend to promote the poppy and its meaning?
- Age-appropriate originality with considerations for neatness and creativity.
- Completed cover sheet will contain the name, age and address of Junior, Unit name and number, Unit membership total, both Senior and Junior at the time of submission

PLEASE NOTE: National Awards in this category follow a separate submission process and must be submitted directly by the Unit or the Junior member, (NOT THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN OR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS) to the National organization.

Submission by the Unit or Junior member for a Department award is not required for National submissions.

Please contact the appropriate Department Chairman or see the National website (www.alaforveterans.org) for information about National Awards and the process for submission.

As of 2026 there is one (1) National winner chosen as Little Miss Poppy. The National winner will receive the honor of a special invitation to the National Convention at her own expense.

MOULTON
Junior Auxiliary Scrapbook Plaque *(REVISED 2026)*

SPONSORING ALA PROGRAM: Scrapbook

ELIGIBILITY: Any Junior group of a Unit in the Department of Arizona in good standing is eligible to submit for this award.

SUBMISSION TYPE: Scrapbook

SUBMISSION DUE DATE/Period covered: Due at or before the Junior Convention, covering the period from the Unit's Junior Installation of Officers through the end of their term.

AWARD PRESENTATION: Department Junior Convention. Also, Department Senior Convention by invitation. The Department Plaque for the Junior Scrapbook award will continue as a traveling plaque to be kept with the Junior group's Unit for the next year. The individual Junior member responsible for creating the Jr. Scrapbook will receive a small plaque to keep.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Awards will be judged by a committee of 2 selected by the Department Scrapbook Chairman with the Department Scrapbook Chairman breaking a tie.

- Scrapbook to be made by a Junior member within their own Unit's Junior group
- Scrapbook made of any size, decorated in any manner-- except nothing will be above the Auxiliary emblem.
- Submission must include a cover sheet to include Unit name, Unit number, Unit membership totals at time of submission both Senior and Junior, and name of submitting Honorary Junior Scrapbook Chairman.

PLEASE NOTE: National awards, if applicable, follow a separate process and must be submitted directly by the Unit or Junior member to the National organization.

As of 2026 Junior Scrapbooks do not have a National Award equivalent.

ETHEL M. JARVIS
Junior Service to Veterans Plaque (REVISED 2026)

SPONSORING ALA PROGRAM: VA&R

ELIGIBILITY: Any Junior member of the Department of Arizona in good standing is eligible for this award. To be submitted by the Junior member with help from her Unit if necessary.

SUBMISSION TYPE: Typewritten narrative not more than 1000 words. No pictures or press coverage may be used.

SUBMISSION DUE DATE/Period covered: Due by May 1 of the current calendar year for period covering May 1 of the previous calendar year through April 30 of the current calendar year.

AWARD PRESENTATION: Department Junior Convention. Also, Department Senior Convention, by invitation. The Department Plaque for the Ethyl M. Jarvis Junior Service to Veterans award will continue as a traveling plaque to be kept with the winning Junior member's Unit for the next year. The individual Junior member receiving the award will receive a small plaque to keep.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Awards will be judged prior to the Department Junior Convention by a committee of 3 selected by the Department VA&R Chairman.

A.	Best Year-Round Service to Veterans Activity:	50%
B.	Most Veterans served through activity:	25%
C.	Most Service to Veterans Hours reported:	15%
D.	Inclusion of types of service, cost of materials, and cover sheet to contain the name, age and address of Junior, Unit name and number, Unit membership totals (both Junior and Senior) at time of submission and name of Unit's Service to Veterans Chairman	10.00%
Total		100%

PLEASE NOTE: National awards, if applicable, follow a separate process and must be submitted directly to the National organization.

As of 2026 there is no National equivalent for this award.

ELIZABETH ANN BROWN-PAXSON AMERICANISM AWARD
for the
Best Single Project Promoting Americanism by Junior Members *(REVISED 2026)*

Sponsoring ALA Program: Americanism

Eligibility: Any Unit in the Department of Arizona in good standing is eligible to submit for this award. To be submitted by the Unit Americanism Chairman.

Submission Type: Typewritten narrative not to exceed 1000 words. A copy of the Unit Americanism Annual Report must accompany the narrative.

Submission Due Date / Period Covered: Due by May 1 of the current calendar year for period covering May 1 of the previous calendar year through April 30 of the current calendar year.

Award Presentation: Traveling plaque presented at Department Senior Convention.

Award Criteria:

The judging of the Unit reports for the awarding of this plaque shall be made prior to the time of Department Convention by a committee of three (3) appointed by the Americanism Chairman of the Department.

1. The plaque will be awarded to the Unit whose Juniors, working in conjunction with the Unit Americanism Committee, were involved in the best single Americanism project each year.
2. The essay will report a single activity promoting the ideals of Americanism undertaken by a Junior member or members of the reporting Unit.
3. The plaque is to be awarded to the Unit submitting the best report to the Department Americanism Chairman.

PLEASE NOTE: National awards, if applicable, follow a separate process and must be submitted directly to the National organization.

As of 2026 there is no National Equivalent for this award.

Plaque placed in field November 1997

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES PLAQUE (REVISED 2026)

Department Junior Activities Plaque to Unit with membership of 150 and under Kitchen Junior Activities Plaque to Unit with membership of 151 and over

Sponsoring ALA Program: Junior Activities

Eligibility: Any Unit in the Department of Arizona in good standing is eligible to submit for this award in their membership classification. To be submitted by the Unit Junior Activities Chairman.

Submission Type: Typewritten narrative not to exceed 1000 words. A copy of the Unit Junior Activities Annual Report form must accompany the narrative.

Submission Due Date / Period Covered: Due by May 1 of the current calendar year for period covering May 1 of the previous calendar year through April 30 of the current calendar year.

Award Presentation: Traveling Plaques presented at Department Senior Convention.

Award Criteria:

The judging of the Unit reports for the awarding of these plaques shall be made prior to the time of Department Convention by a committee of three (3) appointed by the Junior Activities Chairman of the Department.

Judging will be based on the following factors:

1. Americanism 35%
2. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation 25%
3. Community Service 25%
4. General Activities 15%

PLEASE NOTE: National Unit Awards in this category follow a separate submission process and must be submitted directly by the Unit or the Unit Chairman (NOT THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN OR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS) to the National organization.

Submission by a Unit for a Department award is not required for National submissions.

Please contact the appropriate Department Chairman or see the National website (www.alaforveterans.org) for information about National Unit Awards and the process for submission.

As of 2026 one UNIT in each Division will receive the award for the Most Outstanding Unit Junior Activities Program.

All membership sizes apply for the one Unit award in their Division.

Entries for National Department Awards are submitted by the Department Chairman.

As of 2026 one DEPARTMENT in each Division will receive the award for the Best Department Junior Activities Program.

BARBARA FREDA JUNIOR INVOLVEMENT AWARD *(REVISED 2026)*

Sponsoring ALA Program: Junior Activities

Eligibility: Any Unit in the Department of Arizona in good standing is eligible to submit for this award. To be submitted by the Unit Junior Activities Chairman.

Submission Type: Typewritten narrative not to exceed 1000 words. A copy of the Unit Junior Activities Annual Report form must accompany the narrative.

Submission Due Date / Period Covered: Due by May 1 of the current calendar year for period covering May 1 of the previous calendar year through April 30 of the current calendar year.

Award Presentation: Traveling plaque presented at Department Senior Convention.

Award Criteria:

The judging of the Unit reports for these submissions shall be made prior to the time of Department Convention by a committee of three (3) appointed by the Department Junior Activities Chairman.

1. Award presented to a Unit in the Department submitting a report based solely on how many ways the Unit involved Junior members in its Unit/Post and community activities.
2. Cover sheet of report needs to include Unit name and number, Junior Activities Chairman's name and address and the name of the Department.

Please Note: National Awards in this category follow a separate submission process and must be submitted directly by the Unit or the Unit Junior Activities Chairman (NOT THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN OR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS) to the National organization.

Submission by a Unit for a Department award is not required for National submission.

Please contact the appropriate Department Chairman or see the National website (www.alaforveterans.org) for information about National Unit Awards and the process of submission.

As of 2026 one UNIT in each Division will receive the award for the Most Outstanding Unit Junior Activities Program.

All membership sizes apply for the one Unit award in their Division.

Entries for National Department Awards are submitted by the Department Chairman.

As of 2026 one DEPARTMENT in each Division will receive the award for the Best Department Junior Activities Program.