

 **Children and Youth**

 **Chairman: Carol Blosch**

 **Members: Melissa Green**

 **Billie Reid (Child Welfare)**

The purpose and principles of the American Legion Auxiliary’s Children and Youth program, in general, are the same as those of the American Legion.

**Key Program Statements:**

* The Children & Youth program emphasizes protecting, caring for, and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans’ and military families.
* To recognize and reward the positive actions of our children and youth, the American Legion Auxiliary has three special national awards bestowed to youth nominated by units: the Youth Hero Award, Good Deed Award and Youth Caregiver Award.
* Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2) is an initiative honoring military children who may be experiencing a separation from one or both parents, whether deployed to a war zone, having a short tour or an extended temporary duty assignment.
* The American Legion Auxiliary Children & Youth program strives to support and promote the Children & Youth program of The American Legion.

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* Units / Members should encourage junior members to contact their school guidance counselor and volunteer to be a mentor to new military children at their school.
* The Child Welfare Foundation is very important way to make sure children in need are never forgotten, but are given help with love, encouragement, and financial support. For details ask our Child Welfare Foundation Chairperson Billie Reed for ideas and guidance.

If I may be of assistance, please contact me at (405) 714-1310 or by email: bloschs@yahoo.com.

Reports should be sent to the above email or mailing address:

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Good luck to each of you this year, and remember…

“STRENGTH THRU UNITY”