CHILDREN & YOUTH
Plan of Action 2026-27

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Overview: The purpose of the 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 families and veterans. Standing rules 6, National Standing Committee. Acts as a Liaison to Child Well-Being Foundation.

Key Program Statements

To educate members and the general public about the Child Well-Being Foundation (CWF), its mission, and to provide financial assistance to The American Legion in their efforts to award grants to youth-serving nonprofit organizations.

- 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 two special national awards bestowed to youth nominated by units: the Youth Hero Award and the Good Deed 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 on 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.
- Looking for ideas?
- ALA Committee Facebook Groups are spaces on the social media network for ALA members to discuss or share about broad or narrow topics related to each committee. Groups provide an arena for organic discussion about your local programs or services and present the opportunity to cultivate brand awareness.

Deadline Dates

April	**Month of the Military Child (#momc)**
April 15:	**Purple Up! Day for Military Children**
April 15	**UNIT REPORTS DUE TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR**
May 15:	**Department chairmen reports due to division chairmen, cc: national chairman**
June 1:	**Unit & Department Awards submissions are due. You can use your end of year report**

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Activities for Children & Youth

- Trunk or Treat
- Pumpkins donated for Halloween or Thanksgiving activities
- Writing Christmas cards & other holidays for veterans
- Helping your unit's fund raising activities.
- 4H
- FFA
- Band
- Any school organizations
- Girls & Boys Club
- Youth Sports Organization
- After school child care centers.
- Christmas parades
- Participate in Community Projects
- Receive Community Service Hours
- Assist with Americanism Activities – Placing Flags on gravesites for Memorial Day
- Support Veterans & Military Families
- Earn & Receive Patches of Achievement
- Participate in ALA Unit Activities & Fundraisers
- Plan & Organize Service Projects.
- Get Ready for Fun
- Make Crafts, Cookies, Cards & More