



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**  
**Department of Ohio**

**2011-2012**  
**JUNIOR ACTIVITIES**  
**PLAN OF ACTION**

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# JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

2011-2012

Welcome to the 2011-2012 Junior Activities Program. The purpose of the Junior Activities program is to teach junior members the American Legion Auxiliary mission and the programs that help us to achieve our goals.

**Mission: To serve veterans, their families and their communities.** The goal of the Junior Activities program is to **encourage** Juniors to continue their participation into senior membership. Juniors are members under the age of 18 and can help in our Auxiliary programs.

We have always received more poppy donations when we have a child helping. The handiwork and crafts created by youngsters are more interesting and eye catching than we could ever hope to make.

**Use your juniors throughout your year I promise you more fun and better results.**

The National President's Theme is *Honor Their Service* let's work hard for our veterans this year and show them they are our *Shining Stars* (Department President Vi's Theme).

**Please read and follow instructions,  
disappointing a child is a weight I would rather not carry.**

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**"Children are great imitators, so give them something great to imitate."**

## OBJECTIVES

1. **OBJECTIVE** – To encourage participation in service projects that serve our military, veterans and their families.

### **Action Steps:**

- a. Juniors create and implement a service project centered on helping service members and their families during the holidays such as veterans gift shop, adopt a deployed company, baby sit for deployed soldier's spouse, etc.
- b. Volunteer with your local Operation: Military Kids, VA or hold a mini-Kids Canteen at your Department or local level.
- c. Invite friends and family to participate when you volunteer. You just might end up with a new member and new friend.

- d. Participate in the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project by interviewing a veteran's family member or friend to help collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from them and better understand the realities of war.
2. **OBJECTIVE** – To promote the National President's Scholarship peer-to-peer, by raising awareness of the rules and application process in schools, communities and on military bases.  
**Action Steps:**
    - a. Post information about the National President's Scholarship on your social networking sites and/or Department website.
    - b. Distribute scholarship information to your local high school counselors and/or school districts, youth organizations and churches.
    - c. Promote the scholarship to your friends and family members and get them to tell five of their friends or family members. Communicate!
  3. **OBJECTIVE** – To empower our Junior members by seeking their assistance to increase the use of technology(such as e-mail, Internet, Facebook and other social networking sites) in promoting Auxiliary programs.  
**Action Steps:**
    - a. Have Junior members teach Unit and Department leaders the basics of e-mail and Internet.
    - b. Junior members help create and educate Unit and Department leaders about social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.
    - c. Have Junior members work with Unit and Department leaders to create and maintain ALA websites.
    - d. Teach and actively practice Internet safety.

## **PROGRAMS and ACTIVITIES**

**Junior Patch Program** – American Legion Auxiliary Junior members can be active participants of the organization with the Patch Program. Regardless of where one lives, and whether she belongs to an active Junior group, Junior Auxiliary members can serve their communities, veterans and learn about patriotism, health, fitness and leadership through this program.

Each sheet explains the criteria and what a Junior member must accomplish in order to earn a specific patch. When the activities are completed, an adult or Senior member must sign the form to verify that the Junior has met the patch criteria.

Completed sheets should be submitted to Department Junior Activities Chairman Connie Morton, 11022 Kent Avenue NE, Hartville, Ohio 44632-9759. Entries must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2012.

*Requirements, instructions and patch forms are available on the Junior Activities page at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) (Member Resources/Mission Outreach Committees/Junior Member Activities/Junior Activities Patch Program Forms)*

**National Junior Meeting** – Held each year in conjunction with National Convention, the National Junior Meeting is an opportunity for Auxiliary Juniors to interact with each other, participate in service projects and elect honorary Junior officers.

**Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members** – Five four-year scholarships will be awarded in 2011-2012. One four-year scholarship will be awarded in each Division in the amount of \$1,000 per year. Requirements and applications are available at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org).

**Joint Action Projects** –

- a. Americanism Pocket Flag Project <http://pocketflagproject.com>.
- b. Operation: Military Kids [www.operationmilitarykids.org](http://www.operationmilitarykids.org).
- c. Veterans History Project <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>.
- d. VA&R VolunTeen Program [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org).
- e. Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org).

**Adopt-a-Grandparent (Department)** – Juniors go visiting – many veterans do not have regular visitors. Visiting a neighbor who lives alone can be a wonderful time for them and an experience for you. Their younger years are now history that you can only learn about from the media or from their stories. Ask about their lives from youth to present. Learn from '*Living History*'.

**Ohio Pen Pal Program (Department)** – Juniors write to juniors. Ohio has many different lifestyles, you can find out how others live. Maybe you'll find a way to improve your surroundings. Fill out the Department of Ohio form and send to Junior Activities Third Member Tina Brown, 2876 Harmony Drive, Marion, Ohio 43302. Forms must be postmarked by November 1, 2011.

## AWARDS

### DEPARTMENT

**JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD (MERRY LYN PLAQUE)** – This is a *National* and *Department* award recognizing the dedicated service, efforts and talents of our junior members. At minimum, criteria should include the following:

1. Consideration of only Junior members in good standing for 2011-2012.
2. Each Unit is limited to one nomination.
3. Outstanding contribution the Junior has made through a program or project outlined in the Plan of Action and other than the office she may be holding (based on current year ONLY).
4. Her Junior group will select the Junior nominee with the assistance of the Unit Junior Activities advisor.
5. Nominee should not be serving as honorary Department Junior president.
6. Length of membership is not a criterion.
7. Name, e-mail address and complete mailing address of nominee must accompany nomination.

8. A narrative, typed essay not to exceed 500 words describing nominee's accomplishments during the current administrative year.
9. Nomination must be signed by Unit Junior Activities advisor, the Junior group president.
10. Please include pictures, either electronically or via postal mail.

Submit to Department Junior Activities Chairman Connie Morton, 11022 Kent Avenue NE, Hartville, Ohio 44632-9759. Entries must be postmarked by April 15, 2012.

**DOROTHY MCCULLOUGH AMERICANISM PLAQUE** – A plaque will be presented to the Junior Adviser reporting the most outstanding Americanism program during the current year.

1. Narrative not more than 1,000 words describing the program
2. Typed or neatly written and double-spaced
3. Paper - 8 ½ x 11 inch in a three prong folder
4. Cover - Dorothy McCullough Americanism Plaque
5. Last page:
  - a. Unit adviser's name, address, email and phone number
  - b. Unit name and number
  - c. District number
  - d. Number of words
6. Judging:
  - 10% Memorizing the Preamble.
  - 10% Knowledge of 16 points of the Flag Code, History for the Flag, understanding and reciting correctly the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
  - 5% Memorizing all verses of The National Anthem.
  - 10% Proper observance of National Holidays.
  - 15% Good Citizenship – History of County, State and Nation.
  - 50% One or more projects promoting Americanism to the Community.

Submit to Department Junior Activities Third Member Tina Brown, 2876 Harmony Drive, Marion, Ohio 43302. Entries must be postmarked by April 15, 2012.

**DEPARTMENT JUNIOR CONFERENCE COVER** – One winner from each of the five classes will be selected. Winning entries to be copied and used in the Department Junior Activities Conference Program.

1. Paper - 8 ½ x 11 white paper
2. Black pencil or felt tip marker (must be hand drawn)
3. Design should be simple
4. Include the following on the cover:
  - a. American Legion Auxiliary
  - b. 61<sup>st</sup> Department Junior Convention
  - c. May 2012
5. Include the following on the back written in pencil:
  - a. Junior's name and address
  - b. Class number
  - c. Unit name and number
  - d. District number

<i>Junior Classes</i>	
<i>Class I</i>	<i>Birth to age 6</i>
<i>Class II</i>	<i>Ages 7-9</i>
<i>Class III</i>	<i>Ages 10-12</i>
<i>Class IV</i>	<i>Ages 13-15</i>
<i>Class V</i>	<i>Ages 16-18</i>
<b>Ages are inclusive</b>	

6. It will first be judged at the District Conference.

District Chairmen mail winning entries with the official winner's certificate taped to the back, to the Department Junior Activities Chairman Connie Morton, 11022 Kent Avenue NE, Hartville, Ohio 44632-9759. Entries must be postmarked by April 15, 2012.

**HELEN SLOAN PLAQUE** – *(National and Department)* An engraved plaque will be presented to a Unit reporting the Best Overall Junior Activities Program.

1. The Junior Unit must be goal.
2. Narrative form that demonstrates superior execution of at least two action steps from each of the objectives in the Junior Activities Plan of Action.
3. No more than 1000 words
4. Typed and double-spaced on white paper in three-ring folder
5. Please include pictures, either electronically or via postal mail.
6. First page – Helen Sloan Plaque
7. Last page
  - a. Unit name and number
  - b. District number
  - c. Junior adviser's name, address, email and phone number
  - d. Number of words

Submit to Department Junior Activities Chairman Connie Morton, 11022 Kent Avenue NE, Hartville, Ohio 44632-9759. Entries must be postmarked by April 15, 2012.

**MARTHA VAN HORNE REVOLVING PLAQUE** – Number of Juniors from the Unit in attendance at Department Junior Conference multiplied by the round trip miles traveled to the conference, to be presented at the Department Junior Conference.

**ERWINA EHRESMAN DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE AWARD** – The Unit with highest percentage of Junior members in attendance at the Department Junior Conference to be presented at the Department Junior Conference. Eligibility is as follows:

1. Junior Unit has a minimum enrollment of five.
2. Juniors participated in the following four Auxiliary programs: Americanism, Children and Youth, Community Service, V.A. & R.
3. Must submit a unit report to the District Junior Activities Chairman.

#### **JUNIOR CITATION OF MERIT**

1. Junior membership must equal or surpass membership of the previous year by **March 31, 2012**.
2. Must participate in three or more of the American Legion Auxiliary programs.
3. Must submit a unit report to the District Junior Activities Chairman by **April 1, 2012**.

**MEMBERSHIP GOAL RIBBON** – Membership must equal or surpass membership of the previous year at Department Headquarters by **March 31, 2012**.

## OHIO COUNTY TRAVELOGUE

1. 2011-2012 County will be Wood County.
2. Travelogue should be handwritten in a journal or diary.
3. Each entry should be dated and include what you might have seen.
4. Maps, pamphlets and pictures may be included.
5. **No** written information printed from the internet.
6. Use an inexpensive journal or notebook smaller than 8 ½ x 11.
7. Front cover should be blank.
8. First page should include the following:
  - a. Wood County Travelogue.
  - b. 2011 – 2012.
  - c. Class number.
9. Last page should include the following:
  - a. Name of Junior.
  - b. Birth date.
  - c. Unit number.
  - d. District number.
10. It will first be judged at District Conference.

### *Junior Classes*

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## AMERICANISM SPIRIT PLAQUE

1. First page - "I am an American Legion Auxiliary Hero"
2. Narrative - 500 – 1000 words
3. 8 ½ x 11 paper in a three prong folder
4. Handwritten or typed, double-spaced
5. Pictures and clippings may be included
6. Essay should cover activities from April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012
7. Last page should include the following:
  - a. Junior's name and birth date
  - b. Unit name and number
  - c. District number
  - d. Number of words in essay

Submit to Department Junior Activities Second Member Sharon McClain, 1334 Forest Glen Drive, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221. Entries must be postmarked by April 15, 2012.

## NATIONAL

**UNIT AWARD** – A citation presented to a Unit Chairman in each Division reporting the Best Junior Activities Program.

1. Minimum of one action step from each of the three objectives as stated in the Plan of Action.
2. Entry must be typewritten
3. Narrative form not to exceed 1,000 words
4. Please include pictures, either electronically or via postal mail.

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**ESN UNIT AWARD** – The Unit reporting the Largest Increase of Junior Members participating in *electronic social networking*.

1. Entries must be typewritten.
2. Include name of members and names of social networking sites.
3. A brief description of how your Unit is promoting the Junior program objectives through social networking.
4. Please include pictures, either electronically or via postal mail.

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## RESOURCES

1. Available on Junior Activities page of [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)
  - a. Junior Chairman Guide (.pdf)
  - b. Junior Activities Handbook-free on the ALA website; printed copies for purchase through Emblem Sales at <http://emblem.legion.org>
  - c. Junior Leadership Course
  - d. Junior Patch Program-information by level (.pdf)
2. Available at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)
  - a. ALA Unit Handbook (under C&B on the Member Resources page)
  - b. ALA Annual Impact Report Form (part of the Plan of Action)
3. [www.facebook.com/alajuniors](http://www.facebook.com/alajuniors)

**OHIO PEN PAL PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Junior Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_ District #: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Advisor Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Advisor City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Member's Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

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Junior Member's School Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Junior Member's Participation in Other Organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send this form by December 1, 2011 to:

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