



Ohio Unit Plan of Action



CHILDREN & YOUTH

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REQUIREMENT

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**REPORT DUE TO DISTRICT
 CHAIRMAN BY :**

**April 15, 2021 to
 DISTRICT CHAIRMAN**

**DISTRICT CHAIRMAN SEND TO DEPARTMENTS CHAIRMAN
 BY MAY 1, 2021**

**Your District Children & Youth Chairman
 (address shown below)**

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Narrative Deadline: April 15, 2021

MAIL TO DISTRICT CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN

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Department Report Form				
This Form should be attached to each narrative that is submitted for information, Citation of Merit requirements and possible Department award. Please fill out the information as completely and accurately as possible. A Unit must submit a this report form with boxes completed and answer the questions below in order to earn the Citation of Merit. Narrative - word count must follow directions given in award guidelines. Simple or elaborate stories will be accepted as a report. Please complete the following. Be sure to give the complete name of your Unit: _____				
District _____	Unit # _____	Unit Membership Goal _____	Unit Membership Total As of Report _____	
Name of Person Completing Report:			Unit Chair. _____	Unit Pres. _____
Phone # _____	Email _____	Membership ID (if available) _____		
Specific Award Name(if applicable) _____				

If you would like to be considered for a Department or National Award attach your narrative to this report form. Follow all criteria when composing your Unit Program Narratives. Criteria for ALL narratives are as follows:

- Narrative must be typed written in narrative form.
- Narrative must not exceed 1,000 words. (Can be fewer words if program dictates)
- Narrative may include photographs and news articles.

Answer the following Questions in your narrative

How did your unit demonstrate “Celebrating a Century of Service, with the focus centering on “The Health and Well-Being of our Veterans, Military, and their Families”? _____

How did your Unit promote the Youth Hero/Good Deed Award? _____

What success stories do you have regarding support for military and or homeless veterans’ children? _____

Program Summation:

Total Number of Volunteers	Total Number of Jr. Volunteers	Total Number of Volunteer Hours	Total Dollars Spent or Raised	Total Number of Children Served
			\$	

The National Cover Sheet is included on the backside of this form. Please fill out the Unit or Member Portion and send with your Narrative. Send your narrative, this report form and National Cover Sheet to your District or Department Chairman.

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American Legion Auxiliary National Report and Award Cover Sheet

See the Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan to determine where to send this form.
Please note, your report will also be viewed as an award entry if this cover sheet is attached.

Complete the following if you are applying for a member award.

Unit #: _____ Full official unit name: _____

Name of state where you are a member: _____

Member's Full Name: _____ ALA member ID#: _____

Nominating Member (if different from above): _____

Nominator's Phone number: (____) _____

Nominator's Email address: _____

National committee sponsoring award: _____

Name of the award you are applying for: _____

For a unit award or to submit a year-end unit narrative report, please complete this section. Be sure to give the complete name of your unit. The award certificate will be prepared using the information you include below.

Unit #: _____ Full official unit name: _____

Name of department: _____

Unit president/chairman (**circle one**) name: _____

Above listed person's ALA member ID#: _____ Phone number: (____) _____

Email address: _____

For a department award or to submit a year-end department narrative report, please complete this section:

Name of department: _____

Name of department chairman: _____

Chairman's phone number: (____) _____ ALA member ID#: _____

Chairman's email address: _____

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What is this program, and why do we have it?

The Children & Youth program emphasizes protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families.

What can you do?

1. Support Children and Youth in your community.

- **Youth Hero Awards/Good Deed Awards:** This is an ALA program to recognize youth who demonstrate a heroic act of physical valor or who exemplify community service in action.
- **Josh dogs:** Due to circumstances beyond our control, the company that manufactures and distributes Josh Dogs/GI Josh is closing operations. It is our hope that this is a temporary situation and josh will simply be in hiatus for a year.
- **April is The American Legion's Children and Youth Month**

Ideas:

Member

- Contact local high schools to invite them to encourage their students to use their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution by participating in The American Legion Oratorical Contest.
 - Refer to www.legion.org for information on the Oratorical Contest.
- Monitor newspapers, TV and neighborhoods for children and youth who have performed a heroic act of physical valor, such as performing CPR, helping evacuate in the event of a fire, calling 911 for an emergency, etc. Work with your unit to nominate them for a Youth Hero/Good Deed Award.
- Contact local schools, churches and youth groups to make them aware of the Youth Hero/Good Deed Awards. Make sure to leave unit contact information.

Unit

- Once a child has been identified as a Youth Hero/Good Deed applicant, complete the nomination form. See the Youth Hero/Good Deed nomination form at the end of this program Plan to submit the name of the child. Have the form signed by two unit members, and then submit the form to your department secretary.
- When a Youth Hero/Good Deed award is approved, contact local media, community school leaders and the child's parents, and plan for a public presentation of the award.
- Plan a special celebration of children during the month of April in honor of Children and Youth Month.

2. Support military children and youth

- **Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2):** This is a recognition program for military children who experience extended separation from their military parent or parents.
- **April is the Month of the Military Child**

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Ideas:

Member

- Volunteer at a Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) camp program.
- Volunteer at a Family Readiness Group event where KDH2 "I'm a Hero 2" buttons/stickers can be distributed.
- Wear purple on April 15 in honor of Purple Up! for Military Kids day.

Unit

- Host a dinner, game night, community fair, etc. that will bring military and non-military families together.
- Host a KDH2 celebration with recognition buttons/stickers to let military kids know we appreciate their sacrifices.
 - Refer to the how to sheet at the end of this program Plan for more information.
- Plan a special celebration of military children during April in honor of the Month of the Military Child.
- Encourage members to wear purple on April 15 in honor of Purple Up! for Military Kids day.

3. Support veterans' children and youth.

- **Homeless veterans' children**
- *Klinger, a Story of Honor and Hope* – Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) is affiliated with the American Legion Family

Ideas:

Member

- Contact your local churches, homeless shelters and food pantries to identify homeless veterans' children. Ask what their specific needs are and offer them your services as an ALA member.
- Contact your local news sources (newspaper, community television, community websites and social media accounts) and town council. Offer to give a presentation about you and your unit's work for homeless veterans and their children.
- Contact your voluntary services representatives at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Offer to work with them to help meet the needs of children of homeless veterans who come to the VAMC.
- Contact local schools to access their need for supplies and extra clothes for homeless children. Offer to supply items as needed.
- Volunteer at a TAPS camp program.

Unit

- Train unit members to be a resource for front-line agencies who receive requests for help.
- Contact local schools to access their need for supplies and extra clothes for homeless children. Offer to supply items as needed.
- Contact your post service officer to offer help with the needs of children for veterans who need financial help. (The American Legion - Temporary Financial Assistance)
- Help raise awareness for the needs of homeless children in your community by sharing unit activities on the unit website, social media pages and newsletters.

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- Purchase the book, *Klinger, a Story of Honor and Hope*, from TAPS with the companion plush horse for children who are grieving the loss of a military parent or loved one.

Children & Youth Awards Deadlines and Submission Requirements:

Taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing! It helps us tell the world who we are, what we do, and why we matter. Just three simple steps to add your part to our national success story:

- 1) Please follow instructions as you fill out the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet found in the awards section of the Programs Action Plan.
- 2) Provide details/examples about the activity as outlined in the award's materials and guidelines section.
- 3) **Make sure to include your data from 2019-2021 in your report.**

Children & Youth Reporting:

Mid-Year Reports

Mid-Year reports reflect the program work of units in the department and are intended as an opportunity for mid-year correction. Each Unit Children & Youth chairman is asked to submit a narrative report by **December 15, 2020** to the Department Children & Youth chairman.

Year-End Reports

Annual reports reflect the program work of the units in the department. Each Unit is requested to submit a narrative report by **April 15, 2021**, to the District Children & Youth Chairman.

DEPARTMENT AWARD INFORMATION & DEADLINES

Leta Zeller Plaque – This plaque will be presented at Department Convention to the District President with the "Highest Percentage" of Units contributing to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation by June 1st. Department Headquarters will calculate all donations and determine winner.

Miriam Junge Plaque – This plaque is a Unit Chairman Award and will be presented at Department Convention to the Unit Chairman promoting the most outstanding report for the "Best Year-Round Children & Youth Program". Those narratives accompanied by the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet and meeting the National criteria will be forwarded to the Divisional Chairman for judging. All entries are to be sent by April 15, 2021 to **District Children & Youth Chairman**. District Chairman will send all winning entries to Department Chairman by May 1, 2021 along with report forms.

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Youth Hero and Good Deed Award - The YOUTH HERO AWARD is for a youth, under 18 years of age, who performs a heroic act of physical valor. THE GOOD DEED AWARD is for a youth under 18 years of age, who does not meet the Youth Hero Award criteria, but who displays great examples of community service. Application to be completed at Unit level and mailed to Department Secretary Kelly Gibson, American Legion Auxiliary, PO Box 2760, Zanesville, Ohio 43702-2760. The Department Secretary will certify the application and forward it to National Headquarters. The National President will sign the Award Certificate and return it to the Unit to be presented to the youth.

When sending in your Unit Narratives, please include photos or email them to the Department C&Y Chairman so they can be included in the Department Report. We hope to recognize your Unit for its work on the Children and Youth Program during Department Convention.

Special 100th Anniversary History Program Facts:

The ALA's Children and Youth (C&Y) program started out as "Child Welfare" in 1931-1932 and was changed to Children and Youth in 1970-1971. The Youth Hero Award became a part of C&Y in 2002-2003 to recognize someone under 18 years of age who performs a heroic act of bravery. The Good Deed Award was added shortly after to recognize youths who contribute through community service. In 2013-2014, the "Kids of Deployed are Heroes, Too" (KDH2) initiative was started to help military kids feel special and not ignored when their family member was deployed.

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American Legion Auxiliary Youth Hero and Good Deed Award Nomination Form

NAME OF YOUTH

First _____ Middle Initial _____ Last _____
Youth's date of birth ____ / ____ / ____ Age _____ Male Female

Date _____ Submitted by Unit # _____ Dept. of _____

Description of bravery and/or deed performed by youth (to be completed by unit)

- **Good Deed Award** – Youth should demonstrate leadership role in community service, specific deed should be present
- **Youth Hero Award** – Youth should demonstrate a physical act of valor

Please attach news clippings or include website to verify the deed being recognized.

UNIT CERTIFICATION (MUST BE CERTIFIED BY TWO UNIT MEMBERS)

Unit Member _____ Date _____

Unit Member _____ Date _____

Units should send completed applications to their department secretary.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CERTIFICATION

Name _____ Date: _____

Department secretary mails nomination to National Headquarters, 8945 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46260. Awards will be shipped at no cost to unit or department.

Please ship to:

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please use this form for all Youth Hero and Good Deed Award nominations. For more information, contact National Headquarters at children&youth@ALAforVeterans.org or (317) 569-4500.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY

Date received _____ Date shipped _____

Youth Hero Award Good Deed Award By _____