



Ohio Unit Plan of Action

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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CITATION OF MERIT



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**REPORT DUE TO DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN BY :**

**April 15, 2022 to
DISTRICT CHAIRMAN**

**DISTRICT CHAIRMAN SEND TO DEPARTMENTS CHAIRMAN
BY MAY 1, 2022**

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

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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)					

Answer the following Questions in your narrative.

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.

- What activities did your Unit initiate to protect, care for and support children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families? How did you serve the homeless children in your community? In your narrative, please include activities, money spent and hours of the volunteers.

- Did your Unit identify children and youth to nominate for the Youth Hero Award and the Good Deed Award? How did you honor those who you nominated? _____

- Did your Unit participate in the Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2) honoring Military children who might be experiencing a separation from one or both parents due to deployment? Explain what your Unit did. _____

- How did your Unit support the American Legion Children & Youth Program? _____

1. Our ALA Service for Youth

	Service for Children & Youth	Obtain Total From	Member	+	Unit	=	Total
Line 13	Total hours for other Legion Family youth activities	Member Form Line 9			N/A		
Line 14	Dollars spent on goods for youth activities	Member Form Line 10	\$		\$		\$
Line 15	Dollar amount of direct cash aid to help a needy child	Member Form Line 11	\$		\$		\$
Line 16	All other UNIT expenses (parties, dinners, paper goods, trophies)	Unit Records			N/A		\$
Line 17	Total number of children/youth served	Member Form Line 12					
Line 18	Donations to all other child service charities	Member Form Line 13	\$		\$		\$

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American Legion Auxiliary National Children & Youth Report and Award Cover Sheet

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: _____

Please see instructions on previous page about where to send this form.

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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 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.

1. **Objective Goal:** The Unit will emphasize protecting, caring for and supporting the children and youth, particularly those of veterans' and military families who are homeless.
 - a. **Action Step:** The Unit can support children and youth by developing events such as seasonal parties and educational activities for the children and youth in the community. An example would be to have a luncheon for veterans and their grandchildren helping children have a better understanding of why their grandparent is a veteran. Give the children an opportunity to talk to the veterans and ask questions. Let Junior members help in planning events.
 - b. **Action Step:** Make sure to plan events for tweens and teens such as a Sadie Hawkins dance around Valentine's Day.
 - c. **Action Step:** Plan an event for families new to the community, especially any military families, possibly before or close to the beginning of the school year giving parents and children a change to meet other community members. This will help parents to network with other community parents and the children will know someone before school starts. Let them see what available youth activities are in your community or area. Maybe have representatives of those organizations at your event.
 - d. **Action Step:** Create a workshop on bullying for students in the 6th to 8th grades and/or one for 9th through 12th grades. Invite speakers such as school counselors, mental health personal from your local mental health districts, police officers, local anti-bullying advocates to address the students. The speakers can give students avenues to learn to cope when in bullying situations, whether he/she is the one getting bullied or witnessing bullying. Include breakout sessions for small groups to discuss what they have heard.
2. **Objective Goal:** The Unit will identify and honor youth by nominating children and youth for the Youth Hero Award and Good Deed Award.
 - a. **Action Step:** The Unit can contact the schools' guidance counselors and teachers, churches, youth organizations, local newspapers, and social media to help identify students for the awards. Contact news media to help publicize those receiving awards.
3. **Objective Goal:** The Unit will initiate honoring military children who are experiencing separation from one or both parents whether deployed to a war zone, having a short tour of duty, or an extended temporary duty assignment.
 - a. **Action Step:** April is Military Children's Month and would be a good time to plan an event for the military families in your community. Run newspaper articles encouraging people to wear purple on April 15th and explain that wearing purple will honor military children.

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4. **Objective Goal:** The Unit will strive to support the Children & Youth Programs of the American Legion
 - a. **Action Step:** Working with the American Legion in identifying students to participate in the American Legion Oratorical Contest, AL Baseball, AL Junior Shooting Sports, and Boys and Girls State.

5. **Objective Goal:** The Unit will support homeless children in the community.
 - a. **Action Step:** Due to privacy laws, the Unit would give their contact information to the schools, churches, or any other outlet that services and helps homeless families. The Unit could adopt a family and help with some of their needs. Units could give homeless children a birthday party complete with cake, ice cream and presents. This is the one thing that many homeless children never get to celebrate due to their homelessness.
 - b. **Action Step:** The Unit could fill backpacks with necessary school items to be given to the homeless children in their community. These backpacks could be given to the schools or homeless shelters to distribute to children as needed. The Unit could work with their Juniors to do this activity, as it aligns with the Honorary Department Junior President's Special Project (see Jr. Activities POA for details).

CHILDREN & YOUTH RESOURCES

- Children & Youth National Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAChildrenandYouth/>
- ALA National website: <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/children-and-youth>

Year-End Report

Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met. **Each Unit Children & Youth chairman is required to submit a narrative report by April 15, 2022, to the District Children & Youth Chairman.** (addresses on front of POA)

NATIONAL AWARD INFORMATION & DEADLINE

Most Outstanding Unit Children & Youth Program Award – one per division. The Miriam Junge Plaque winner will be sent on to National to compete for this National Award.

DEPARTMENT AWARD INFORMATION & DEADLINES

- NOTE: The Annual Report Forms must be sent to your **District** Children & Youth Chairman. Reports are due by **April 15, 2022**. You are highly encouraged to send photos of your Unit conducting Children & Youth activities and promoting the program. We hope to highlight your Units and its members during the Department Convention. Please send along with your narratives, photos, and clippings.
- The **District Chairmen** Annual Reports are due to Department Children & Youth Chairman and is due by **May 1, 2022**.

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Group 1	10-50 members	Group 2	51-100 members
Group 3	101-200 members	Group 4	201-400 members
Group 5	401-600 members	Group 6	601 and up

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 will be presented at Department Convention to the Unit Chairman promoting the most outstanding report for the "Best Year-Round Children & Youth Program." All entries are to be sent by April 15, 2022, to **District Children & Youth Chairman**. District Chairman will send all winning entries to Department Chairman by May 1, 2022, along with report forms.

Certificate of Participation – A Certificate of Participation will be awarded at the Department Summer Convention for those Units who submit a narrative which tells how they celebrated the children and youth of their community with three (3) events during the year. These events can be seasonal celebrations and/or educational events. Narrative must be typed in narrative form, contain 300 words or less and may include photographs and news articles. Please send these narratives to Children & Youth Chairman, Deb Meyer, 90 N. Lincoln St., Minster, OH 45865 by April 15, 2022.

Youth Hero and Good Deed Award – The **Good Deed Award** is for a youth under 18 years of age, who demonstrates leadership roles in community service. A specific deed should be present. The **Youth Hero Award** is for a youth under 18 years of age, who demonstrates a physical act of valor. Unit must certify the award form and then mail to: American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Ohio, PO Box 2760, Zanesville, OH 43702-2760, Attn. Department Secretary. The Department Secretary will certify the application and forward it to National Headquarters. The National President will sign the award and return it to be presented to the youth.

Thank you for taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission! Your story may inspire another member into service. It also helps us tell the world who we are, what we do and why we matter.

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American Legion Auxiliary Youth Hero and Good Deed Award Nomination Form

NAME OF YOUTH _____

Youth's Age _____ Male Female Date of Deed _____

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

Attach extra pages as need. 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 mail nomination to: ALA National Headquarters, 3450 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, or email to Children&Youth@ALAforVeterans.org. Awards will be shipped at no cost.

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

Youth Hero Award Good Deed Award

Date received _____ Date shipped _____