

**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of New Hampshire**

Junior Activities

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Junior Members are our leaders of tomorrow. We need to impart our wisdom to the leaders of tomorrow, today, and every day. We can inspire active participation in our members under 17 years old so that they are engaging, productive leaders in the future.

What can you do to shape tomorrow? Build your Junior Activities program one member at a time by

Members:

1. Ask to speak to the Legion Family meetings. Bring Junior members, and membership applications to the meeting. Ask your Legion family to sign up their daughters. Granddaughters. Older Junior members can speak about the value of their membership to the Legion Family.
2. Sign up your own eligible daughters and granddaughters.
3. Like the Junior Activities Facebook page and share any events your Juniors participated in or attend.
4. Share Junior Activities Facebook posts with your friends and family and encourage them to sign up for their daughters and granddaughters.
5. Teach your Junior members about the American Legion Family eligibility requirements.
6. Encourage your Juniors to invite their friends to attend American Legion Auxiliary functions and volunteering opportunities, even if they aren't eligible to join.
7. If you don't have Junior members of your own, support them anyway.
8. Offer to help the Junior Activities chairman and participate in their fundraisers.
9. If you are a unit officer or chairman, offer to mentor one of your unit's Juniors. Teach her about your role with the American Legion Auxiliary.
10. Bring your Junior(s) to a meeting with you. Ask your unit president if the Junior(s) can lead the Pledge.
11. Bring your Junior(s) to all appropriate American Legion Auxiliary activities that you participate in such as making and distribute poppies, help to clean tables after dinners, marching in parades.
12. Junior members can help plan and lead the meeting to make it more fun and informative for their age group.
13. Be Flexible, there is plenty of time to learn. Keep an orderly meeting but don't put too much emphasis on protocol.
14. Plan activities that are fun, yet that teach about the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. Remember that they are kids with short attention spans. Include activities that involve light exercise which can burn off their youthful energy.

15. Crafts are another good activity for Juniors. They can make poppy crafts, patriotic decorations for the post or local veterans' home, or homemade cards to send to veterans.
16. Have snacks and drinks on hand.

Unit or Department

1. Organize an active Junior group. Give the Junior Activities a place to hold meetings, fundraisers, and a budget to work with.
2. Continue to ask members to sign up their eligible daughters and granddaughters.
3. Include information on Junior Membership and activities in a monthly newsletter.
4. Include information on Junior membership in renewal notices.
5. Give your Juniors a place to display their crafts or artwork.
6. Help your Junior Activities Chairman find places to distribute the cards and crafts made by Juniors.
7. Offer to help during Junior Activities Meetings

Promote and encourage Junior participation in the Patch Program

Member

1. Mentor Juniors and help them acquire patches. The Patch Program can be found on the Junior Member Activities page in the Members Only section at www.alaforveterans.org
2. Hold a special meeting to help Juniors earn patches.

Units:

1. Encourage Juniors to participate in the Patch Program
2. Give the Juniors the opportunity to work on the requirements of the patch program at unit functions.
3. Encourage the use of electronic patches on the Juniors social media sites.

Department

1. Include information on the patch program in each department chairman's pack.
2. Give Juniors opportunities to work on patch requirements at department functions.
3. Host a Junior meeting to encourage and increase interest in the Patch program.
4. Hold a special meeting to present earned patches to Juniors with senior members in attendance.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES REPORTING.

Year Ending reporting : Annual reports will cover April 1st to March 31st. Even if you don't have a Junior program, please send your report . Please include a narrative with your report.

As part of your report, please include the answers to the following questions.

1. How has participation in the Patch program increased enthusiasm among your Juniors?
2. What are the various service projects that the Juniors participated in?
3. What type of volunteer hours did Junior members perform?
4. How did the unit's Senior members encourage and mentor Junior Members?

- 5 How does your unit plan to increase Junior's members participation in meetings and activities.
- 6 Please include pictures and news articles showing Junior involved in their activities.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Unit 4 Americanism Program Trophy: To the Junior Unit in the Department presenting the best overall Americanism program.

Phillips Award: For the group submitting the best report or display on civil preparedness.

Manley Award: For the group submitting the best communications pressbook as per the rules.

Chevrette Award: To the best Junior group who promotes and furnished music entertainment in schools, at nursing homes and at community events.

Robinson Award: To Junior members without a group submitting the best activities report working with a Senior Member (written by a Junior Member)

Junior History: Rules are the same as the Senior History

Junior Photo History: Rules are the same as the Senior Photo History

Junior Prayer Book: Rules are the same as the Senior Prayer Book

Junior Foreign Relations Scrape Book and travel log: Rules are the same as the as the Senior.

Doll Dressing Contest: Doll is dressed in a costume that is native the country in Foreign Relations

Handiwork Contest: Group 1 (K-3 years), Group 2 (2-8 years), Group 3 (9-12 years)

NATIONAL AWARDS:

Junior member of the year.

Entries must be typed and include the following information.

1. Consideration of only Junior members in good standing for the current year.
2. Outstanding contribution the Junior has made through an ALA program or project.
3. Length of membership is not a criterion.
4. Name, email address, and complete mailing address of the nominee must accompany the nomination.
5. A narrative typed essay not to exceed 500 words summarizing the nominee's accomplishments during the administrative year.
6. Please include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc., either electronically or via postal mail. Nominations must be signed by the candidate's unit is Junior Activities Advisor
7. On the National Report and Award Cover sheet include the name and contact information of the Department Junior Activities Chairman

National Unit Award:

1. Narrative typed not to exceed 1,000 words. Include specific examples of how your Juniors work the ALA mission.
2. May include pictures, news articles, news releases, etc.