Children & Youth
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Unique Women working for our Veterans

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PURPOSE: Protecting, caring for and supporting children & youth, particularly those of veterans’ and military families.

OBJECTIVE: Develop, implement and monitor programs and activities that contribute to the physical mental and emotional health and wellness of all children and youth. Support the Children & Youth programs of The American Legion.

What can you do?

Support them in your community;

Contact the 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 Oratorial Contest.

Get your Juniors involved in events at your post. Let them help in the kitchen or serving the Veterans. Hold a Christmas party for the Children of your Veterans at your post. Give out Candy at Halloween with the name of your post somewhere at your table or stand.. This way they get to know you & the post you come from. And by asking their parents, you might get some new members from it. Have a night at your post, where you teach them all about the Flag. How to fold it, how it is presented at Funerals and why.

Support them when they sell their over-priced goodies for a fund-raiser.

Support the Youth Hero Awards/Good Deed Awards: This is a way the ALA can recognize youth in our communities who demonstrate good citizenship, either through a brave physical act or a good deed.

Josh dogs: An American Legion Family alliance, GI Josh is a plush dog and accompanying storybook used to help ease separation fears for the military children.
Action Steps:

ALA KDDS-Kids in danger of depression and suicide—a project that builds referral networks of public and private support at the community level for the social and well-being of children.

Participate in Natural Children’s Mental Awareness Day in May.

Sponsor and support community events that bring military and non-military families together.

Participate in public awareness information campaigns, including newsletter stories, news releases, discussions on social networking sites, etc.

HOST family resources and service fairs to introduce families to mental health and social support services in their community.

BIG BROTHERS/Big Sisters of America Military Mentoring Program offers one-on-one mentoring to children and youth of military families.

Work with the local BBBS organization to create educational or recreational Group events for military and nonmilitary children.

Invite your BBBS to a legion family event to explain how members can become BBBS mentors. (Big Brothers & Big Sisters)

Volunteer to participate with other service organizations to better serve the unmatched military children and youth population.

Initiate joint services projects and peer mentoring for Juniors and BGCA (Boys & Girls Clubs of America), military children.

Sponsor or organize educational or recreational events.

ACTION STEPS: Visit www.legion.org/youth/publications for information on Gateway Drugs, Suicide Warning signs, Halloween Safety and Missing Children.

April is Children & Youth Month.