

2022~2023 Junior Activities Bulletin

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Mid-Year Report is due to me no later than November 30th
Year-End Report is due to me no later than May 1st

Department Awards due by April 25th / National Awards are due by May 1st.
(Be sure to use cover sheet if they are National entries)

What is this program and why do we have it?

The Junior Activities Program inspires active participation of members under the age of 18, so they will become engaged, productive members, who want to continue their Auxiliary membership into adulthood.

- Encourage Juniors to work the program and apply for awards, **(even if they are not part of an active Junior group)**. A Senior member reports their Junior's activities or have the Junior member report directly to me.
- "Like the National Junior Activities Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/alajuniors
- Make meetings fun and informative

Engage Juniors in Programs of the American Legion Auxiliary:

- Pair up Jr. and Sr. Officers/Chairmen to help Juniors understand responsibilities.
- Engage Juniors in family activities (help with meal set up/clean up, distribute poppies, carry Flags, open or close a meeting with prayer, babysit during meetings, help with grounds beautification, take photos at events, etc.)
- Consider Installing Junior and Senior Officers at the same time.
- Organize a project that both Junior and Senior members can work on together
- Involve Juniors in special ceremonies (Memorials, Initiations, etc.)
- Stay connected with Juniors. Have their phone numbers and emails.
- Get a Unit Junior Handbook for each Junior. This can be printed for free from the National website, or ordered from Headquarters
- Promote the Poppy Poster and Americanism Essay contests. Department chairmen have information available. Consider selecting a Junior Miss Poppy or Miss Poppy from your Juniors. Information can be found on the National website.

National Programs:

1) Junior Patch Program: covers the programs that the Auxiliary promotes through various activities. Present the earned patches in a special ceremony. Patch paperwork can be found on the National website at: www.alaforvererans.org.

2) National Junior Meeting: will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada this year during the Mission Training. Girls can interact with Juniors from our Division: (Hawaii, Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and California). Juniors who attend the National Junior meetings will be eligible to vote and run for Honorary National Junior Division Vice President (HNJDVP). Each of the elected HNJDVPs will help conduct the national Junior meetings and will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

3) Scholarships: The National President's Scholarship: "Children of Warriors" found on the National website at: www.alaforveterans.org. Check with your Unit to see if they have any scholarships available and check the Oregon website for scholarships.

Spirit of Youth Scholarship: Five scholarships of \$5,000 each are awarded; one scholarship in each division. Requirements and applications are available at www.ALAforVeterans.org.

National Junior Projects:

- Veterans History Project: www.loc.gov/vets
- VA Student Volunteer Program: www.volunteer.va.gov/StudentProgram.asp ; www.volunteer.va.gov/ParkeScholarship.asp

National Awards:

- **Member Award:** Junior Member of the Year • Deadline May 1, 2023 • (Must be sent to me with an Award Cover Sheet attached). Presented to One Junior member, in recognition of her dedicated service, efforts, and talents.

Guidelines: **Entries must be typed and include the following:**

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

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Junior Activities Program Award: Citation presented to One unit in each division (5) • **Must be sent to me by deadline, with an Award Cover Sheet.**

- Materials and guidelines:
- Narrative not to exceed 1,000 words. Include specifics of how your Juniors worked the ALA mission. May include pictures, news articles, news releases, etc.
- **National Award:** Best Media Coverage of Activity or Project • Award: Engraved Plaque • Presented to: One Junior group (department, district or unit) • **Must be sent to me by deadline, with an Award Cover Sheet.**
Materials and guidelines:
 - Awarded to the Junior group with the best media coverage of their activities or a project.
 - Narrative not to exceed 500 words. Include specific examples of media coverage, including news articles, news releases, newsletters, pictures of displays, ALA events, speeches, website address, social media activity, etc.
 - **National has special Recruiting awards and Juniors can apply for them.**
 - Keep a list of Junior members who recruit new members and how many.
 - Submit necessary paperwork for verification.
 - Present a special reward for your Junior recruiters.
 - **Pay attention to deadline dates.**

Department Junior Activities Awards:

These are found on the Department website at: alaoregon.org. Pay attention to the rules and deadlines. Contact me with any questions.

Additional Resources:

- A. **National website:** www.ALAforVeterans.org
 - Junior Activities Handbook (free online or can be ordered)
 - Junior Patch Program
 - Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation: A Guide for Volunteers
- B. **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs information on student volunteers** at: www.volunteer.va.gov/studentProgram.asp
- C. **Oregon's Department website** at: www.alaoregon.org
- D. **Emblem Sales** at: <http://emblem.legion.org> for ordering supplies
- E. **The national American Legion Auxiliary Junior Activities Facebook page:** www.Facebook.com/ALAJuniors
- F. **5. Junior Leadership Course:** on www.ALAforVeterans.org 6. **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation: A Guide for Volunteers** on www.ALAforVeterans.org
- G. **Protect Youth Sports:** recommended by The American Legion to provide background screenings on adult volunteers who work with youth, www.protectyouthsports.com.

Mid-Year Junior Activities Report

Due to Chairman no later than November 30, 2022

Unit Name and # _____ District # _____

Chairman name & phone # _____

of Paid Juniors? _____ # of Active Juniors? _____

of Juniors participating in the Patch Program? _____

Number of Junior volunteer hours? _____

How has the Patch Program helped with your Juniors? _____

What Veterans/Military service projects are your Juniors participating in?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

How have your Junior and Senior members worked together?

What Legion Family activities have your Juniors participated in?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Has your Unit increased Junior participation in meetings and activities? _____

How? _____

Are you having any issues/problems with your Juniors/program this year?

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Year-End Junior Activities Report

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Unit Name and # _____ District # _____

Chairman name and phone # _____

of Juniors? _____ # of Active Juniors? _____ # of Volunteer hours? _____

of Juniors participating in the Patch Program? _____ # Submitted? _____

How has Patch participation increased enthusiasm in your Juniors?

How many Juniors recruited new members? _____ How many recruits? _____

Did you elect Junior Officers? _____ Did you Install Junior Officers? _____

Did you submit a History or Prayer Book? _____ Did you submit a "Junior Member of the Year"? _____ Did you submit any Awards entries? _____

Did Juniors participate in any Holiday activities? _____

What Veterans/Military service projects did your Juniors participating in?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

What Legion Family activities have your Juniors participated in?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

How did your Unit increase Junior participation in meetings and activities?

How have your Junior and Senior members worked together?

Did Juniors attend the National Junior meeting in Las Vegas? _____ How many? _____

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