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It's Children and Youth Month!

Hello Everyone!

At long last April has arrived – that special month of the year when American Legion Auxiliary members celebrate and honor our nation's children and youth, especially those of our veterans and military! The entire American Legion Family bands together in our communities to host special activities for our kids or wear our branded clothing when we join with other agencies to collaborate on community projects that honor young people. Through the Children and Youth program the Auxiliary provides direct service and cash assistance to children in need at the local, state, and national levels.



April 15th is Purple Up! Day for Military Kids! Be sure to wear your purple glasses, a purple Tee or purple scarf to honor these special kids. Units and Districts in close proximity to a military installation or National Guard Reserve unit are encouraged to do something special for military children. Goodie bags and sweet treats go a long way toward making a military child feel special!

This chairman is delighted to advise that so far this year nine California children have received **Good Deed Awards**, and one child has received a **Youth Hero Award** from National Children and Youth Chairman Pam Ray! A full list of the award winners and their sponsoring Units will be published in June. In the meantime, please keep searching your communities for youngsters under the age of 18 who have performed a specific good deed or heroic act of physical valor and nominate them for a **Youth Hero or Good Deed Award**.

A gentle reminder that end-of-year **Unit reports are due to District chairmen by Friday, April 14, 2023, and District reports must be received by Department chairmen no later than Monday, May 1, 2023.** This chairman is really looking forward to reading about the wonderful work accomplished by Units and Districts in the Children and Youth program this year! If possible, please include photos of program related events and projects that your Units/Districts have held.

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