



Children and Youth 2024-2025 October 2024

Hello to all the Wonder Women of California

I have heard from nationals and the national Chairman is Lisa Chaplin from the department of Virginia and the Western Division chairman is Joan Hernandez from Idaho. We will be having our first zoom call September 30th, stay tuned for all the great upcoming events. At this time the National Chairman Lisa has sent out the first newsletter and she has encouraged all children and youth chairman to join our ALA Children & Youth Facebook group, where you will find updates, reminders, and a place to share ideas throughout the ALA year. You can find our group at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALACHildrenandYouth>

Also, the National President Trish Ward is doing the ALA Challenge Deck, you can discover ways to get involved in your community and make a real difference in the lives of local veterans. Your efforts, big or small, contribute to a brighter future for those who served. With your commitment to donate \$35 to the Veteran Projects Fund, you will support projects serving veterans in local communities and have also found a meaningful way to engage with the mission of the ALA. Take the challenge and lead the way. If you would like more information, please let me know.

We have exciting news, with the permission from Madam President Linda we are going to be teaming up with our National Security Chairman Linda Lara-Guzman and at the DEC we are going to be having a Canned food Drive. This will support all our local military bases and food pantries that are in need. We are asking everyone who attends DEC to bring canned foods and then we will have bags so that everyone can take what they need to support their local military bases and food pantries. This will benefit the entire state of California. The Flyer will be on the department website.

October is here and I know we are planning parties for Halloween and getting ready to hand out goodies and treats but we do have Children and Youth Coloring books so if you would like the link, please let me know.

I'm going to keep reminding you of Temporary Financial Aide. TFA is specifically designed to assist minor children of eligible veterans through cash grants. Please let me know if you have any questions.

To Quote Wonder woman: We Will Fight for Those Who Cannot Fight for Themselves.

If you have any questions, I'm just a phone call, text message or email away.

For God and Country

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