

Children and Youth 2024-2025 December 2024



Hello to all the amazing wonder women

I know everyone is getting ready or has already sent in in your mid-year reports. This is such an exciting time of year for me, the year is halfway over, and I get to see all the amazing things each unit and Districts are doing.

We will be having our next western division National children and youth call on December 9th, please be on the lookout for some new information along with new ideas to finish out the year with a bang.

I wanted to recap the Good Deed and the Youth Hero awards. The awards can be given to non-members of American Legion Auxiliary, the Legion or the Sons. I had a request sent from National of an excellent candidate and I passed it on to the correct district, please if you have an amazing youth within your community, please reach out to them. I know it can be hard with privacy and all, but let's work together and see what we can come up with to make sure we honor those amazing youths. Also please do not forget to send me a copy.

DEC (Department Executive Committee) is right around the corner, and I hope I will see you all there, it is going to be a lot of fun and full of great information. Please do not forget about the can- food drive we are having; with the holidays we all get caught up with giving but then it seems to calm down. In January would be a great time to let our Military Bases and the Communities, know that they have not been forgotten. I have had a lot of questions about bringing canned foods to the DEC and I know some of you are flying but no worries please just donate to your local Military Bases and/or Communities pantries and report, report, report. For those who do want to bring cans we will have a table set up to drop off your Donations. Then on Sunday before we go home, we will have bags so that everyone can take what they need back to their own Military Bases and/or Communities pantries. This is a great way for the entire state of California to be involved to benefit all those in need because no Child should go hungry.

Two more things. One TFA we talk about this all the time, but I want you to keep in the back of your mind when your units and districts are sending in those donations. TFA is such a big part of what we do as an organization, helping veterans and their families and we cannot do this without every one of you. The number of Veterans and their families living on the streets is growing year after year and with your donations we can get them off the streets and in a safe environment, but we need your help.

Last thing is the American Legion Child welfare fund, this donation goes straight to national to help support grants for different causes. If you do and I hope you do donate, please make sure you send me a copy. I would love to be able to track the amount of how much the California American Legion Auxiliary has contributed.

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.

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