



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of California
Junior Activities
May 2025 Bulletin

Happy May! The flowers are blooming and so are we. I would like to thank everyone for submitting your reports and supplementals in on time. Oh boy April was a busy month we celebrated "Month of the Military Child", "Purple Up for Military Kids" and the Junior Conference.

Many districts throughout the Department of California celebrated "Purple Up for Military Kids" and posted beautiful pictures of their events. Let us remember that the military kids are our future. Seniors or juniors if you know any military kids that are not members of the American Legion Auxiliary let us invite them to attend our monthly meetings and events so they can see how we support our veterans, veteran families, and communities. Also, let them know that they are not alone when their parents or siblings are deployed away from home. A note to show you care, snack or just a simple hug is always good. We are family.

Junior Conference was held on April 11th-13th at Camp Arnaz in Ojai. It was a blast. We had 17 juniors to who attended. The juniors started day one off with a delicious dinner, flag retirement ceremony, s'mores, music, and lots of laughter. Day two started with the flag salute and opening. Then the senior Department Chairs for Americanism, Children and Youth, Junior Activities, Legislative, National Security, Poppy and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation spoke on their program and did activities with the juniors. The juniors had their Caucus, campaigning, speeches, and elections. Saturday evening was full of lots of fun ice cream social, movie night and arts & crafts. Day three Junior Conference concluded by conducting the Installation Ceremony, new Honorary Department President Alyssa Alcaraz and Promotion Ceremony for Past Honorary Department President Olivia Thuney. Congratulations to the newly elected officers and chairmen. Special thanks to The Ferchos and team from Camarillo Unit 741 for the delicious meals. Thank you, Martha Romano, and the team, for all the work, effort, and dedication you all put into making this a successful conference. The Juniors did an amazing job opening and closing their final meeting for the year. Thank you all for the donations for the Junior Conference tickets. The winners will be posted soon. We will see you all next year.

2025-2026 Honorary Officers

- Honorary Junior President – Alyssa Alcaraz, D6-U233
- Honorary Junior Vice President – Aaidde Perez, D16-U741
- Honorary Secretary – Hailey Doidge, D28-U593
- Honorary Junior Treasurer – Justice Sanders, D23-U252
- Honorary Junior Chaplain – Frida Perez, D16-U741
- Honorary Junior Historian – Kailie Williams, D23-U252
- Honorary Junior Sergeant-at-Arms – McKayla Doidge, D28-U593

2025-2026 Chairman

- Americanism Chairman – Laura Landis, D29-U716
- Children and Youth Chairman – Ann Edison, D20
- Education Chairman - Rebeka Avila-Hernandez, D38-U81
- Poppy Chairman – Natasha McCann, D28-U81
- Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman -Elizabeth Carmichael, D29/716

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