

**PROGRAM ACTION PLAN**  
**JUNIOR ACTIVITIES 2019-2020**

**Special 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary History Facts**

In 1934, changes were made to the American Legion Auxiliary Constitution to take out Section 2. Article III, which is the article of eligibility.

Section 2- There shall be two classes of membership, Senior and Junior.

- A. Senior membership shall be the active group composed of members over the age of 18.
- B. Junior membership shall consist of the group under the age of 18, whose activities shall be supervised by the Senior membership. Upon reaching the age of 18 years, Junior members shall automatically be admitted into active membership with full privileges.
- C. Dues of both classes shall be paid annually.

In the 1936-1937 year, under National President Scar W. Hahn, the Junior program was launched. Junior membership grew from 29,000 to 40,000 during the following year due to the great work the Juniors were doing.

**Purpose:**

Our Junior Activities Program inspires active participation in our members age 17 and under so they will become engaged, productive members who will want to continue their knowledge of our programs to help our Veterans. To experience the volunteer opportunities given to them in our organization.

This year I want to challenge our Junior members to participate in programs such as Americanism, Children & Youth, Community Service, Education, Poppy and the V A & R programs.

Write an essay, help with Military children, go to community events wearing our brand, give supplies to their local schools, offer poppies at community poppy days, make corsages, table decorations, centerpieces, decorate poppy cans, help

at local hospitals or nursing homes where Veterans are staying. We need to ask them to do some of the reports as I did last year at a meeting. If we teach them that the reports are really important to our Veterans and why, then it's a work of love for the Veterans.

They don't have to do all of them but they can pick one they are interested in and do it their own way. Ask them questions of how they would change or improve what they are interested in. These Junior members are not the same as they were even 10 or 15 years ago. They are very adventurous and need challenged to keep them engaged. Encourage our Juniors to wear the Auxiliary brand whenever they are out in the community volunteering.

#### **Reports:**

**Mid-Year Reports** should be a written narrative please provide details or examples about all activities. Taking time to share a story about the positive impact our Juniors have on the Veterans is worth doing.

Unit narratives sent to District Chairman by December 1, 2019

District narratives sent to Department Chairman by December 15, 2019

Department narratives sent to Central Division and National Chairman by January 5, 2020.

**Year End Reports** are due by:

Unit reports are due to the District Chairman by April 15, 2020.

District reports are due to the Department Chairman by April 27, 2020

Department reports are due to the Central Division and National Chairman by May 15, 2020. Please include your impact report numbers with your report.

#### **Awards:**

Please include the Awards Cover Sheet I have included with plan.

A. **Member Award:** Junior Member of the year

Deadline: June 1, 2020

Unit Chairman must send to National Headquarters to the Junior Activities Program Coordinator/Committee Liaison via email

B. **Unit Award:** Most outstanding Unit Junior Activities Program

(per division)

Deadline: June 1, 2020

Send to national division chairman postmarked or  
emailed by 5 p.m. EST on the deadline listed above.

**C. Department Award: Best Department Junior Activities**

(per division)

Deadline: June 1, 2020

Send to national division chairman postmarked or  
emailed by 5 p.m. EST on the deadline listed above.

**D. National Award: Best Media Coverage of Activity or Project**

Deadline: June 1, 2020

Send to national chairman postmarked or emailed by  
5 p.m. EST on deadline listed above.

**Youth Hero and Good Deed Award:**

I have attached a Youth Hero and Good Deed Award Nomination form.

**Junior Activities Patch Program:**

American Legion Auxiliary Junior members and Sons of the American Legion youth members can be active participants of the organization with the Patch Program. Each sheet explains the criteria and what must be accomplished in order to earn a specific patch.

There are three levels of patch criteria:

Red—Level 1: Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Gold—Level 2: 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Blue—Level 3: 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (or 18years old)

**Please send completed forms to your  
Department Junior Activities Chairman**

Additional Patch Sheets are available at: [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)

For questions please contact the National Junior Activities Committee at  
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