

2021 - 2022 American Legion Auxiliary Programs Action Plan
Department of Florida
Juniors Activities



The Junior Activities program inspires active participation in members 17 years old and younger, so that they will become engaging, productive members who will want to continue their American Legion Auxiliary membership into adulthood. The mission of the Jr. Activities committee is to promote volunteerism through community based programs and services that involve veterans and to teach the principles of loyalty to God & Country, justice, freedom and democracy to our young members. Build your Jr. Program 1 Junior at a time and give them the opportunity to participate. We will never make the next 50 years if we don't put our Juniors first to *"DARE TO COMMIT"*

Committee Contact Information

Chairman: Dara Oliver

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Facebook: American Legion Auxiliary Florida Juniors

#ALAFLLJuniors

(3) Committee Members: Tara Harris, Carolyn Brown & Nancy Patterson

Juniors (ages 8-17) will be invited to participate in every aspect of the American Legion Auxiliary as well as attend: Department Workshop, Fall Conference, National Jr's Meeting and they will be installed at Department Convention for the upcoming year as well as any events deemed for children such as a Juniors Camp-out, Children & Youth Activities and programs that they can assist with or participate in.

The charm of the Junior Activities Committee is that our Juniors can assist in every committee that we have - Americanism, AEF – Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Cavalcade of Memories, Chaplain, Children & Youth, Community Service, Constitution & By-Laws, Education, ALA Girls State, History, Juniors Patch Program, Leadership, Legislative, Membership, National Security, Past Presidents Parley, President's Project = My Warriors Place, Poppy, Protocol, Public Relations, VA&R – Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, and Unit Activities.

Juniors Members can Assist in Almost Every
Aspect of your Unit & District (and Department)
Remember they are a member ... Just Like YOU!!!

COMMITTEES or PROGRAMS that the Juniors Can Actively participate in:
fold a flag for **Americanism**

collect for **AEF – Auxiliary Emergency Fund**

make a scrapbook for **Cavalcade of Memories**

say or write a prayer under the **Chaplain**

help with **Children & Youth** events

perform **Community Service** in your neighborhood

help write or update your **Constitution & By-Laws**

read to young children or donate 10 for **Education**

donate to or assist with **ALA Girls State**

interview a Veteran or a Charter member for **History**

earn and participate the ALA **Jr. Patch Program**

run for Honorary Junior Officer in your Unit, District or Department for
Leadership

write to a mayor or community leaders (Congressman) for **Legislative**

Recruit and have a friend join for **Membership**

send a care package to an active duty Service member for **National Security**

assist female Veterans for **Past Presidents Parley**

distribute **Poppies** or help on Poppy day

learn **Protocol** and memorize the ALA Preamble

write a press release or make a video for **Public Relations**

Volunteer at a VA facility for **VA & R**

donate or volunteer at **My Warriors Place**, President Wanda's Project

AND assist your **Unit** with dinners, events & activities.

AWARDS

DEPARTMENT JUNIOR AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the Junior Auxiliary Member who shows outstanding participation in one or more programs of the American Legion Auxiliary. Narrative to be typed and submitted by Unit Chairman (senior member) on 8 1/2 x 11 white paper not to exceed 500 words summarizing the nominee's name, age, date of birth, ALA membership number, Email, and mailing address and to include their accomplishments during the current year. Pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, flyers etc. can be included but must be signed by the Unit Junior Activities Chairman and or President. Entries to be received by the Department Junior Activities chairman: Dara Oliver, postmarked before May 1, 2022 and the winner will be presented a citation plaque at the Department Convention. The Department Chair will send the best submission onto National for nomination, but all Unit nominations are accepted and reviewed by National.

NATIONAL JUNIOR AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

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NATIONAL AWARD

BEST MEDIA COVERAGE OF A JUNIOR ACTIVITY OR PROJECT

To the Unit that demonstrates in a narrative 500 words or less the Best Unit Junior Activities Program utilizing Public Relations. Pictures, press releases, news clippings, social media activity, speeches, website addresses etc. can be included. Entry to be received by the National Chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on or before June 1, 2022 with an ALA award cover sheet. More information can be found on the Junior Member Activities page in the Members Only section at www.ALForVeterans.org

UNIT AWARDS

THE GNARLY BIG WAVE JUNIOR'S CHALLENGE – given to a Unit in each of the 6 membership groups that donates the most monetary value of Gifts cards for My Warriors Place. Certificates will be given at Workshop, Fall Conference and Department Convention. (Gift cards should be purchased from Home Depot, Lowes, Dollar General, Big Lots or Walmart and can be as small as \$5. each, the receipt of proof will be required.)

SCHOOL OF GUPPIES AWARD - BIGGEST INCREASE OF JUNIOR MEMBERS Certificate awarded to the Unit(s) in each of the 6 membership groupings for the biggest increase of Junior Membership for the 2021-2022 year 30 days prior to convention and awarded at 2022 Convention in Orlando.

UNIT AWARD GIVEN BY NATIONAL

MOST OUTSTANDING UNIT JUNIOR ACTIVITIES PROGRAM (Per Division)
To the Unit that demonstrates in a narrative 1000 words or less, the Best Unit Junior Activities Program. Narrative should include examples of how your Juniors worked the ALA Mission. Entry to be received by the National Southern Division Chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on or before June 1, 2022. More information can be found on the Junior Member Activities page in the Members Only section at www.ALAforVeterans.org

HONORARY DEPARTMENT JUNIOR PRESIDENT

To the Honorary Department Junior Auxiliary President that served in all capacities respectably of her full term will receive a citation and her name will be placed upon a perpetual plaque to be hung at her home Unit for 1 year. If a scholarship is available, the HDJ President will be considered a strong candidate, once she applies.

DEPARTMENT AWARD GIVEN BY NATIONAL

BEST DEPARTMENT JUNIOR ACTIVITIES PROGRAM (Per Division)
To the Department that demonstrates in a narrative 1000 words or less the Best Junior Activities Program for the year. Entry to be received by the National Southern Division Chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on or before June 1, 2022 with an ALA award cover sheet. More information can be found on the Junior Member Activities page in the Members Only section at www.ALAforVeterans.org



UNIT YEAR-END REPORTING FORM FOR JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Unit # _____ Name: _____ District # _____

Reports are due to District Junior Activities Chairman: _____

Unit Chairman's name: _____

Phone # _____ e-Mail _____

Unit President: _____ e-Mail _____

- This is your work that you've done all year with the Junior Activities Committee

How many paid Juniors are in your Unit? _____

How many of those Juniors are active and involved in your Unit? _____

Do you have a Unit Juniors Group? _____

What programs did the Juniors participate in? _____

Did any Junior participate in the ALA Patch Program? _____

If so, how many Juniors participated and how many patches were earned?

_____ / _____

EARNED PATCH REQUESTS MUST GO THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

How many Sr. Auxiliary Members assisted in a Junior Project or Program? _____

Please explain program or project in detail, including hours spent, expenses and if it directly helped a Veteran or Military Family (if so how many?) _____

Did any of your Juniors attend Dept. Convention? _____ If so How Many? _____

Did any of your Juniors attend Work Shop? _____ If so How Many? _____

Did any of your Juniors attend Fall Conference? _____ If so How Many? _____

Did any of your Juniors attend Jr. Camp? _____ If so How Many? _____

Did any of your Juniors attend a Jr. Meeting? _____ If so How Many? _____

Did any of your Juniors attend a Sr. Meeting? _____ If so How Many? _____

Did any of your Juniors attend ALA Girls State? _____ If so How Many? _____

List Other: _____

Total # of Hours Jr.'s spent _____ Total # of Hours Sr. members spent _____

In detail please submit a narrative of special events, projects and activities that your Juniors participated in and include: volunteer hours for both Junior & Senior members, monetary donations given, cost involved and if you had media coverage. **It is important to have your Juniors participate or assist My Warrior's Place, which is the Department President's project. ALSO APPLY FOR AWARDS!!**



YEAR-END REPORTING FORM FOR JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

DISTRICT # _____

Reports are due to Dept. Junior Activities Chairman: Dara Oliver

Dist. Chairman's name: _____

Phone # _____ e-Mail _____

District President: _____ e-Mail _____

- This is your work that you've done all year with the Junior Activities Committee

How many paid Juniors are in your District? _____

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Do you have a District Juniors Group? _____ Do Units have a Jr's Group? _____

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