

**2023-2024 American Legion Auxiliary
Department of New York
Junior Activities**

Department Chairman

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Purpose: The purpose of the Junior Activities Committee is to inspire active participation in members aged 17 and under so they become engaging, productive members who will want to continue their American Legion Auxiliary membership into adulthood.

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- Mission-related:
- Distribute poppies with assistance from senior members.
- Organize and participate in service projects.
- Offer computer/technology help to veterans with assistance from senior members. See article from Auxiliary magazine on Veterans Tech Support, plus more information here: <https://veteranstechsupport.com>.
- Offer help to military families and help military kids entering a new school.
- Leadership training:
- Shadow senior member officers at meetings and hold an appropriate unit office.
- Post colors at senior meetings, conferences, and conventions.
- Lead opening ceremonies (the Pledge, prayers, National Anthem, ALA Preamble).
- Shadow senior chairmen and assist with their program plans.
- Promote ALA scholarship benefits of remaining a member.
- Encourage Juniors to attend their ALA Girls State program the summer between their junior and senior years of high school.

Build the Junior Activities program one member at a time by giving Junior members a voice and opportunity to participate.

- Plan mission-related activities that are interesting and inspiring to Juniors.
- Participate in Wreaths Across America wreath-laying ceremonies.
- Hold graduation ceremonies to recognize Juniors who will move to ALA senior membership status.
- Pay first year of senior membership to encourage retention.
- Share information about the ALA's scholarship programs
- Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship
- Spirit of Youth
- Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship
- Samsung Scholarships
- Pair older Juniors with less experienced Juniors to promote mentorship.

Promote and encourage Junior participation in the ALA's national Junior Member of the Year award.

- There will now be five division Junior Members of the Year.
- From those five division winners, a national Junior Member of the Year will be chosen.

- Four division winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The national winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, plus invited to the ALA's National Convention.
- This scholarship is to reward ALA Junior members who are contributing to the organization and our mission, with a long-term goal of increasing Junior participation.

Promote and encourage Junior participation in the ALA Patch Program to teach them about the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

- Work on the Patch Program at unit meetings. Include senior members to educate Juniors about the importance of participation in the Patch Program and as a way for Juniors to learn about ALA programs.
- Provide year (1st, 2nd 3rd) attachments to Juniors who have achieved a patch at the same level for more than one year.
- Work with Sons of The American Legion (SAL) squadron leaders to inform them of the opportunity for young SAL members to participate in the ALA Patch Program.

Make Junior meetings fun and informative.

- Explore mission service and how they can impact our mission at each meeting.
- Encourage friendships and mentoring by planning fun team-building activities (games, learning Junior songs, etc.) and/or provide age-appropriate crafts.
- Highlight the numerous ALA learning opportunities available to members in the ALA Academy, including the ALA Juniors eLearning Courses
- April 15: Purple Up! Day for Military Children

DEPARTMENT JUNIOR ACTIVITIES AWARDS

Department Award Rules

- Entries must be typed, double spaced, not to exceed 1,000 words.
- Word count in lower left corner of cover sheet unless otherwise noted under award instructions.
- Entries must be in narrative form and placed in a folder.
- Pictures, newspaper clippings and other materials and/or documents may be included.
- All entries must include a cover sheet with the name of the award entry, name of the Unit/County/District, name, and address of the Unit/County/Chairman.
- Entries must be received by the Department Chairman no later than MAY 1st unless a different date is specified.

THE MARY LOU PLATT AWARD: To the Unit, County or District advisor with the most outstanding report on her Junior activities emphasizing the American Legion Auxiliary programs.

NATIONAL JUNIOR ACTIVITIES AWARDS

1) Complete the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet. 2) Provide details/examples about the activity as outlined in the award's materials and guidelines.

A. Member Award: Junior Member of the Year

- Deadline: May 1, 2024
- 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: May 1, 2024
- Send to the Department chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST

C. Department Award: Best Department Junior Activities Program (per division)

- Deadline: May 1, 2024
 - Send to national division chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST
- D. **National Award:** Best Media Coverage of Activity or Project
- Deadline: May 1, 2024
 - Send to Department chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST.



**Honorary Junior Officers
ALA Department of New York 2023-2024**

Honorary Junior Dept. President	Faithanne Nashton	Oneida County, 5th District
Honorary Jr. Vice President	Jay Strack	Essex County, 4th District
Junior Secretary/Treasurer	Isabelle Shanno	Rensselaer County, 3rd District
Junior Chaplain	Peyton Burdick	Oneida County, 5th District
Junior Historian	Kalynn Stern	Niagara County, 8th District
Junior Sgt. At Arms	Brielle Barney	Essex County, 4th District
Honorary Past Jr. President	McKenna Donlon	Steuben County, 7th District
Honorary Eastern Division Junior President (2022-2023)	MacKenzie McDaniels	Steuben County, 7th District

UNIT JUNIOR ACTIVITIES REPORT FORM

2023-2024

REPORTING DATES: ☐ November 1, 2023 ☐ April 1, 2024

Unit Name _____ Unit # _____

County: _____ District _____

Name of person reporting: _____

E-mail address: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

_____ **Unit does not have a Juniors Chairman**

Check the activities / programs performed by the Junior members of your Unit

_____ Held regular Junior business meeting	_____ Promoting Americanism
_____ Participated in Pocket Flag Project	_____ Assisted Senior member Projects
_____ Helped develop and maintain a website	_____ Operation Military Kids
_____ Volunteer at VAMC	_____ Attended Senior meeting
_____ Conduct a Cookie Pack for troops or Local Veterans	_____ Held a membership workshop
_____ Increased awareness of Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship	_____ Service to Veterans

_____ No. of Juniors in Unit

_____ No. of Active Juniors

_____ No. of Veterans Served

_____ Total hours Juniors volunteered

Total \$value of volunteer hours (total hours x \$31.80) _____ Total miles driven _____

Total \$ value of goods and materials donated \$ _____

Grand Total \$value of hours + goods and materials \$ _____

As part of your narrative report, please include answers to the following questions:

- How did your unit promote the Patch Program ?
- What are the various service projects in which Juniors were involved?
- What type of volunteer hours did Junior members perform?
- What ways did your senior members mentor the Junior members?
- How does your unit plan to increase Junior member participation in meetings?
- Please include pictures and news articles showing Juniors involved in their activities.
- Describe Projects/activities of Junior Members.

**** Juniors' hours volunteered, expenses, and donations made which are reportable on the Impact Report Forms, should be combined with those of the Senior members of the Unit or County and reported on the applicable UNIT and COUNTY reports. (These programs are in bold & marked with asterisk)**

Separate Junior activities supporting Junior membership and programs, should NOT be reported on the Impact Report Forms

Send to your County Junior Activities Chairman

Keep a copy for your records

COUNTY JUNIOR ACTIVITIES REPORT FORM

2023-2024

REPORT DATES: ☐ NOVEMBER 10, 2023 ☐ April 10, 2024

County _____ District _____

No. of Units in County _____ No. of Units Reporting _____

Name of person reporting _____

E-mail address _____

☐ County does not have a Junior Activities Chairman

Check Activities/programs carried out by Junior groups in your county:

☐ Held regular Junior business meeting ☐ Promoting Americanism

☐ Participated in Pocket Flag Project ☐ *Assisted Senior member Projects

☐ Helped develop and maintain a website ☐ *Operation Military Kids

☐ Volunteer at VAMC ☐ Attended Senior meeting

☐ Conduct a Cookie Pack for troops or Local Veterans ☐ Held a membership workshop

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☐ No. of Units w/Juniors in County ☐ Total No. of Juniors

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- What are the various service projects in which Juniors were involved?
- What type of volunteer hours did Junior members perform?
- What ways did your senior members mentor the Junior members?
- How does your county plan to increase Junior member participation in meetings and Activities?
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