



DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
SPRING
CONFERENCE
LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Junior Activities

and

Children & Youth

March 1, 2024



PURPOSE STATEMENTS

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- To work collaboratively with The American Legion to promote programs that protect, care, for, and support children and youth, especially those of our military and veterans.
- Source: ALA Constitution and Bylaws, Standing Rule 6, Core National Committees (p.40)

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

- To inspire active participation in members aged 17 and under so they become engaging, productive members who will want to continue their ALA membership into adulthood.
- Source: ALA Constitution and Bylaws, Standing rule 6, National Committees- Mission Outreach (p.43)



DO YOU
KNOW
WHICH IS
WHICH?

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Month of the Military Child

Good Deed Award

Military Child Table ceremony

Distributing "I'm a Hero 2"
buttons and stickers at a
Family Readiness Group
event

Purple Up! Day

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Working the Patch Program

Leading the Pledge of
Allegiance at a meeting

Helping senior members
sign Holiday cards for the
local VA

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Can benefit anyone under 18

Donations to *REACHcycles*

Donations to children in shelters

Volunteering at a free after-school tutoring center

Youth Hero Award

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

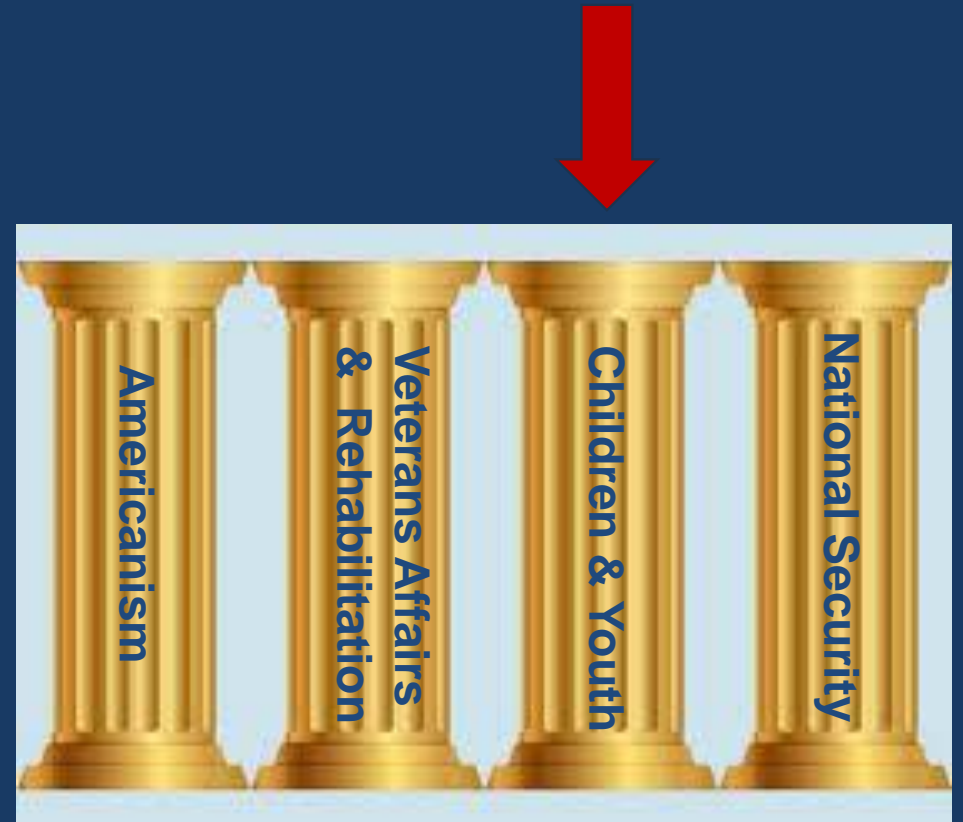
Must be a Junior member

Helping collect Poppy donations

Election of Honorary Officers

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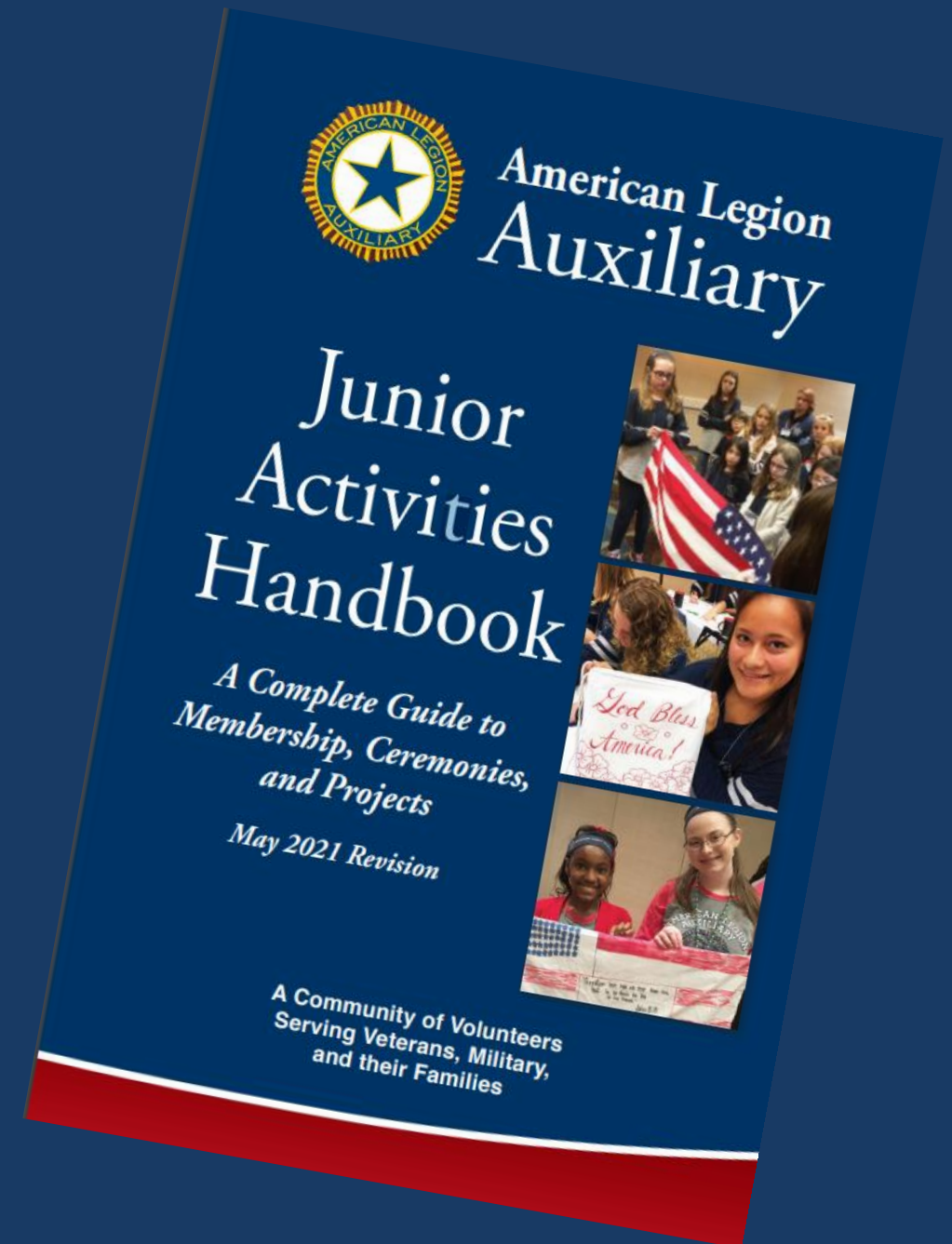
- One of the Four Pillars of the American Legion
- Includes all the ways our organization can assist, support, and recognize individuals under 18 years of age, especially children of military and veterans



JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

- Directed to members of the ALA under 18 years of age
- Any ALA program can include Junior members
- Download the Junior Activities Handbook – it's free!

From https://www.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/ALA_Junior_Handbook.pdf



TIPS FOR INVOLVING JUNIOR MEMBERS

- Include Juniors in unit projects, crafts, service projects, and team-building activities
- Ask a Junior to lead the Pledge of Allegiance or post colors or serve as a page
- Encourage Juniors to shadow Unit officers and chairs
- Promote the Junior member of the Year award (8th grade and above)
- Encourage participation in the Patch Program
 - This is open to SAL youth too!
 - Recognize those who've earned patches at your Unit meetings
- Promote the ALA Academy course for Juniors as well as any others

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