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All Aboard, and Welcome to the Kiddie Kar on President Gloria's Friendship Train!

Congratulations on your appointment as a District or Unit Children and Youth (C/Y) Chairman this year. All C/Y chairmen will all be known as "Conductors" – just like me! I have created a special "Kiddie Kar" on President Gloria's Friendship Train – it's a place where children and youth of all ages can grow and play and learn in a safe environment – a place where you can discover the ABC's of this program! So hop aboard, take a seat, and we'll begin our journey!

I look forward to serving as your Department Chair for this wonderful program which focuses on the protection, care and support of children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families. I know that each of you will put forth the effort necessary for success as we tackle some very challenging projects this year. The possibilities for creating exciting opportunities for our children are endless – all that is needed is a bit of imagination, willingness to try something new, and lots of enthusiasm... remember, it's catching!

At this time there is no new C/Y information to report, however, when the National convention is over there should be a some updated information and ideas to share with you on this program. Each monthly bulletin will focus on one of the many components of the Children and Youth program, so by June 2023 we should have covered all of them!

Please take time to read the Department Code and familiarize yourselves with current C/Y policies. There were no Code changes for C/Y this year. Please remember that Children and Youth Chairmen can ONLY serve at one level (Unit, District, Department) each year (see Department Policy/General/Rule #5). Also, check out the Children and Youth section on the National website where a great deal of information is available to the interested viewer!

The Clovis Workshop packets contain information and handouts on the Children and Youth program. Chairmen are asked to make copies of these materials to share with their members as soon as possible.

Happy Travels!

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"Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see."

– John F. Kennedy