



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of California



**2022-23
Children and Youth Program
September Bulletin**

The Friendship Train has left Clovis Station and is now enroute to Post 117 in Hayward, CA where we will make a quick stop for the Northern Workshop on September 25th!!! The six-hour training will provide attending members with lots of information and an overview of each ALA program! If you reside in northern California and missed the Clovis training this is the perfect workshop for you!

This month we are focusing on the **Youth Hero and Good Deed Award**. This component allows us to recognize youth in our communities who demonstrate good citizenship, either through a brave physical act or a good deed.

Youth Hero Award Qualifications:

- Child demonstrates a physical act of valor (Heimlich, CPR, first aid, rescuing from fire or water peril).
- Child serves as an inspirational role model for their organization and the community.

Good Deed Award Qualifications:

- Child donates time and/or money for a worthy cause (such as troop support, raising money to help homeless veterans, a food drive, or special community projectz).

How do we find these heroes? 1) Contact your local schools, churches and youth groups to make them aware of the **Youth Hero/Good Deed Award**. Make sure to leave your Unit contact information with each entity. 2) Monitor the news, TV and neighborhoods for children and youth who have performed a heroic act of physical valor. Work with your Unit to nominate the child for this award. 3) Once identified, complete the nomination form to submit the name of the child. Have the form signed by two Unit members and then send it to the Department Secretary for processing to National. 4) When the nomination form has been processed by National and an award is made, contact your local media, community school leaders, and the child's parents, and plan for a public presentation of the award.

There are children in each of our communities who qualify for this honor... let's find them and celebrate them! The Youth Hero/Good Deed Award nomination form and Media Release template are attached to this bulletin for your convenience.

Unit C/Y Chairmen who have not yet received the program information that was distributed at the Clovis Workshop should contact their District C/Y Chairmen ASAP and ask them to share it with you.

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"History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children."
Nelson Mandela



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Youth Hero and Good Deed Award Nomination Form

NAME OF YOUTH _____

Youth's Age _____ Male Female Date of deed _____

Submitted by Unit # _____ Dept. of _____

Description of bravery and/or deed performed by youth (to be completed by unit)

- **Good Deed Award** – Youth should demonstrate leadership role in community service, specific deed should be present
- **Youth Hero Award** - Youth should demonstrate a physical act of valor

Attach extra pages as need. Please attach news clippings or include website to verify the deed being recognized.

UNIT CERTIFICATION (MUST BE CERTIFIED BY TWO UNIT MEMBERS)

Unit Member _____ Date _____

Unit Member _____ Date _____

Units should send completed applications to their department secretary.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CERTIFICATION

Name _____ Date: _____

Department secretary mail nomination to ALA National Headquarters, 3450 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, or email to Children&Youth@ALAforVeterans.org. Awards will be shipped at no cost.

Please ship to:

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please use this form for all Youth Hero and Good Deed Award nominations. For more information, contact National Headquarters at Children&Youth@ALAforVeterans.org or (317) 569-4500.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY Youth Hero Award Good Deed Award

Date received _____ Date shipped _____



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Street Address, City, State ZIP Code

www.ALAforVeterans.org (and your unit's Website, if available)

Contact: [PR Chairman], [PR Chairman's Phone Number]; [PR Chairman's e-mail Address]
for [Department President's Name]

[DATE]

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

American Legion Auxiliary recognizes [CITY] youth with bravery award

[CITY]--The American Legion Auxiliary of [STATE] recently awarded [CHILD'S FULL NAME] of [CITY] the "Youth Hero Award" on [DATE]. The award is given to youth under age 18 who perform a heroic act of physical valor.

[CHILD'S LAST NAME], [AGE], was selected for the award when he/she was nominated for the action of [DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL ACT OF VALOR].

Local American Legion Auxiliary members from Unit # are extremely proud of [NAME]'s accomplishments and his/her heroic actions within the community.

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is a community of volunteers serving veterans, military, and their families. Our members also support the mission of The American Legion in improving the quality of life for our nation's veterans. Proud sponsor of ALA Girls Nation, National Poppy Day® and recognized for advocating for veterans on Capitol Hill, the more than 600,000 ALA members across the country volunteer millions of hours annually and raise millions of dollars in service to veterans, military, and their families. Founded in 1919, the ALA is one of the oldest patriotic membership organizations in the U.S.A. To learn more and to volunteer, join, and donate, visit www.ALAforVeterans.org.

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