

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
2022-2023 ACTION PLAN  
Junior Activities**

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**What is this program and why do we have it?** The Junior Activities program inspires active participation in members aged 17 and under so that they will become engaging, productive members who will want to continue their American Legion Auxiliary membership into adulthood.

**There are different awards that our Juniors are able to receive.**

- A. Member Award: Junior Member of the Year
- B. Unit Award: Most outstanding Unit Junior Activities Program (per division)
- C. Department Award: Best Department Junior Activities Program (per division)
- D. National Award: Best Media Coverage of Activity or Project

**What can you do?**

- 1. Include your Juniors with all activity your units and districts do.
- 2. Let the Juniors come up with projects to do and support them.
- 3. Take your Juniors to the Department Fall Conference, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- 4. Encourage the Patch Program, there are many great lessons to learn while working on the patches!
- 5. Let them work with VA & R. They can visit with Veterans and write their stories down to share. Juniors can also participate in Christmas Gift Shops!
- 6. **SCHOLARSHIPS!!** Not many people apply for the scholarships, and it helps a lot with college. Juniors must have been a member for a minimum of three consecutive years. Work with the schools in your towns to gain membership while promoting the scholarships to the younger years.

**JUNIOR CHALLENGE: SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS**

Veterans account for 11% of the homeless population in the United States. Juniors and Seniors can help by collecting materials to give to the homeless. Crew socks work best and can be stuffed with travel-sized toiletries.

Please follow us on Facebook (**ALA Department of Massachusetts Juniors**) to stay updated and share with us what your Juniors are doing. I want to be able to showcase our Juniors and all the awesome work that they do! Remember, our Juniors are the future. Not just of our organization but of our country, they will grow up and do amazing things, and it all starts now. Please feel free to contact me by cell should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicyn Gormley