



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan Junior Activities Guide

Remember Who You



**Honorary Junior President
Emma Damouth
2017-2018**

Mission Statement: The Junior Activities Committee promotes volunteerism and principles of the American Legion Auxiliary. This is accomplished by participation in various programs and services that are community-based and involve our Veterans. Junior members are taught the principles of loyalty to God and Country, Justice, Freedom and Democracy with guidance from the American Legion Family.

Junior Activities Committee – Outline

I. Volunteer Services

- a. Honorary Junior President Project
- b. Support of our troops and their families

II. Program Efforts

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- b. Pocket flag Project
- c. Veteran's History Project
- d. Volunteer

III. Additional Activities/Programs

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Honorary Junior President Emma Damouth

The Junior Officers are...

1st vice- Taylor Houghton

2nd vice- Leah Daniels

Chaplin- Mackenzie Townes

Historian- Aleigha Houghton

Secretary- Sabrina Townes

Sergeant at arms-

Asst. Sergeant at arms-

Americanism Chairman-

Distinguished Guest Chairman-

Music Chairman-

Color Bearers- Sammy Houghton

Lilly Foster

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I. Service

Promote service to Veterans, Community and Children.
Through your President's Project and continued support of
our Past, Present and future Veteran

A. Honorary Junior Presidents Project

Goal: To raise funds and collect blankets and boots for our
veterans, and the junior fund.

Tactics:

1. Present the program to your Junior group
2. Share information with your Legion family.
3. Hold a fundraiser/raffle to donate to the project

B Support Our Troops and their Families

Goal: To show appreciation to our military and their
families.

Tactics:

1. Contact the local National Guard Units or Military and
find out the needs
2. Promote within your Post the needs of the families.
3. Establish a "Care Package Program"
4. Help with Stand downs

II. Effects

A. Patch Program

Goal:

To encourage Participation in the American Legion Auxiliary by
providing an incentive program for our Junior members to earn
recognition for their participation.

Tactics:

1. Patches are awards to Junior Members who successfully complete the criteria for the various Programs.
2. Make learning fun and exciting.
3. Involve other community organizations.

B. Pocket Flag Program**Goal:**

Promote troops hope and encouragement.

Tactics:

1. Secure flags through the pocket flag program for the purpose of folding and distributing them to our troops.

C. Veteran's History Project

Goal: To record the memories and collect the documentation of the war Veterans and those who served to support them during wartime.

Tactics:

1. Preserve stories by interviewing war veterans and collect and document, for the Veterans History Project at the Library.

D. VA&R Volunteer Program

Goal: To encourage teenage volunteers to participate within the VAVS system to help stabilize the decline in volunteers in the VA Medical Center.

Tactics:

1. Volunteering in the VA Medical Centers is an excellent opportunity to fulfill the volunteer.

2. Promote volunteering in local facilities that may include Veterans Homes, Nursing Homes, and the Fisher Houses.
3. Provide awards for active volunteers.

Activities/Program

A. Americanism-

1. Essay contest
2. Enter Department and National

B. Chaplain-

1. Chaplains book

C. Community Service-

1. Various areas

D. Girls State-

1. Sponsor someone to attend
2. Attend yourself if of age

E. Historian-

1. Junior History book
2. Scrapbook

F. Leadership-

1. Leadership Course and Scholarship
2. Encourage Juniors to enter for the Leona Puckett Leadership Award, (\$25.00) to the winner.
3. Encourage Juniors to attend the Department of Michigan Junior Convention held in March/April 2018.
4. Encourage Juniors to attend the National Mission Training
5. Encourage Juniors to run for an office.

G. Legislative-

1. Write to Congress Persons
2. Write to Senators
3. Write to the President

H. Membership / Mentoring

1. Provide activities for Junior members that will attract their interest.
2. Encourage their friends to join
3. Encourage older Juniors to adopt younger members and teach them through their action and encouragement.

I. Music-

1. Bring music to the nursing home

J. National Security

1. Civil Preparedness

K. Past Presidents Parley-

1. Donate to the Nurses Scholarship

L. Poppy-

1. Select a Jr. and Sr. Miss Poppy
2. Help with Poppy Days
3. Decorate with Poppies whenever possible
4. Make entries for all Poppy contests

M. Public relations –

1. Talk to people about the Auxiliary

N. Publication-

1. Newsletter
2. Newspaper articles

O. VA & R-

1. Participate in Gift Shop.
2. Host a Bingo party

IV. Certificates and Awards

A. Department

Unit Program of the Year (Amelia Muth Citation)

An award presented to a Unit Chairman reporting the best overall Junior Activities program including accomplishments in the Auxiliary program.

Instructions:

- a. Narrative form
- b. 1,000 words or less
- c. Typed double-spaced
- d. Unit name, number, Junior Activities Chairman name, and address, Department name

*** Winning entry to be forwarded to National**

Junior Member of the Year

An award presented to a Junior for her dedicated service, efforts and talents. This Junior member who has worked hard for the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

(Not to exceed 500 words please see National Rules Attached)

*** Winner entry to be forward on to National**

Tina Sutherland Citation

(Runner –up to the Junior Member of the Year)

An award presented to a Junior for her dedicated service, efforts and talents. This Junior member who has worked hard for the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

(Not to exceed 500 words see National Rules)

Victoria Betz Spirit Citation

Awarded to the Junior who has held an office either on District or Unit level for her outstanding work in the Auxiliary programs as an officer.

Instruction:

- a. Narrative form
- b. Typed Double spaced
- c. Written in her own words
- d. No more than 5,000 words
- e. Picture allowed

Ada Sangster-Patricia Kwiakowski Citation

To the Junior Unit Reporting the most complete Junior participation in Civil Preparedness and National Security

Instruction:

- a. Narrative form
- b. Typed Double Spaced
- c. 1,000 words
- d. Pictures allowed

All entries must be to the District Chairman by March 31, 2018

To DEPARTMENT Chairman by April 15, 2018



*Leona Puckett
Department
Junior Leadership Award*

**Since 2015 per Resolution 2015 Department Convention
In Memory of a Great Leader.**

Purpose: To develop and prepare capable and knowledgeable leaders to carry on the growth and success of the Auxiliary by promoting activities and resources that educate, motivate and mentor members of all ages and levels of the organization.

This award is given to the Junior member who exemplifies leadership with in the junior group.

Must be a narrative of 500 words, explaining what the junior member did to promote leadership.

Pictures and examples are encouraged

Must be sent to the Junior Chairman by May 15, 2018

**ShyLynn Jones
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PATCH PROGRAM
Please don't forget to enter for your
Patches in the patch program.

3 New Designs

Junior Activities Patch Program

American Legion Auxiliary Junior members can be active participants of the organization with the Patch Program. Regardless of where one lives, and whether she belongs to an active Junior group, Junior Auxiliary members can serve their communities, veterans and learn about patriotism, health, fitness and leadership through this program. Each sheet explains the criteria and what a Junior member must accomplish in order to earn a specific patch. When the activities are completed, an adult or Senior member must sign the form to verify that the Junior has met the patch criteria.

There are three levels of patch criteria:

Red—Level 1: Kindergarten through 3rd grade

Gold—Level 2: 4th grade through 8th grade

Blue—Level 3: 9th grade through 12th grade (or 18 years old)

Please send completed forms to your Department Junior Activities Chairman. ShyLynn Jones

Patches will only be mailed directly to the

Department Junior Activities Chairmen for distribution.

The Junior Activities Patch Program Request Sheet MUST be included.

Additional Patch Sheets are available at:

www.ALforVeterans.org

For questions and comments, please contact the National Junior Activities Committee at

junioractivities@ALforVeterans.org

Attend a 2017-2018 ALA Mission Training near you:

Springfield, Illinois — October 14
Hartford, Connecticut — October 21
Minneapolis, Minnesota — October 21
Shreveport, Louisiana — October 28
Charlotte, North Carolina — January 20
Las Vegas, Nevada — February 3

Go to www.ALAforVeterans.org/Meetings for more information.
Registration opens July 18, 2017.

Michigan Juniors are planning on going to the Springfield, IL-
October 14. Register if you plan on going.

<http://www.cvent.com/events/2017-2018-mission-training-conference-and-national-junior-meeting/fees-ccd1e9742e6a4a7bb725302b300e778f.aspx>

For Springfield, the following dates and fees will apply for both Mission Training and National Junior Meeting: If you register for Springfield by August 11, the early bird discounted rate is \$50. If you register by the registration deadline (October 4), the registration fee is \$57. After October 4 and for on-site registration, the fee is \$67. There are no refunds after October 4.