



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

## Department of North Carolina

### JUNIOR ACTIVITIES



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The Junior Activities program inspires active participation in members age 17 and under so they will become engaging, productive members who will want to continue their American Legion Auxiliary membership into adulthood.

#### What can you do?

1. Build your Junior program one member at a time. Encourage members to sign up eligible daughters and granddaughters.
2. Give your Juniors a voice and an opportunity to participate.
3. Plan a Junior member activity day for members to get to know each other. Plan program related activities as an educational component.
4. Explain membership and eligibility requirements then encourage juniors to invite their friends to attend, even if they are not eligible to join.

#### Engage Juniors in programs

1. Bring Junior members to your meetings and incorporate participation in your meeting. You may want your Juniors to lead the Pledge, National Anthem or other areas of the meeting.
2. Bring Juniors to all appropriate ALA activities in which you participate. This gives Juniors the opportunity to witness the ALA in action.
3. Assign a mentor to each junior. This is someone they can ask questions and learn the ALA and programs.
4. Compliment your juniors whenever possible for assisting with programs, projects or events.
5. Share what your Juniors are doing on social media pages such as Facebook, Twitter or your unit webpage. National is requesting reporting your Junior activities as they occur.
6. Encourage Juniors take the Junior ELearning Course of the ALA Academy

#### Make Junior meeting fun and informative.

1. Be flexible during the meeting when it comes to Robert's Rules. The rules can be intimidating and boring so we need to use as much time as needed to explain the correct protocol. Flexibility and an orderly meeting is key to the success of juniors understanding things.
2. Let juniors help plan and lead the meeting to make it fun and educational.
3. Plan fun activities to promote ALA purposes, such as fundraisers, crafts, cards or gifts for veterans, decorating the post home, etc. Create a place to display their crafts or artwork.
4. Promote and encourage the Junior Patch Program for the three age groups. Mentor Juniors and help them acquire patches. Refer to the Junior Member Activity Page in the Members Only section at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)
5. Have snack and beverages on hand at the meetings. Use that and an opportunity to incorporate the purpose and ALA programs and activities. An example is making or decorating Poppy cookies.

Rebuild and Grow our Future. Now is the time to recruit, teach and maintain Junior members to ensure the mission, programs and activities of the American Legion Auxiliary are carried on..

Your Junior Activities Committee has planned a one day in person Junior meeting in the spring. Look for detailed information in the next mailing.

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