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Department of Pennsylvania Unit 360
Presentation of Good Deed Awards

National Children & Youth Program
"What & Why"

National President Coral Grout is emphasizing the Auxiliary's commitment to education and support for military families during 2026-2027. The Children & Youth Committee promotes programs that protect, care for, and support children and youth, especially those in our military and veterans' communities, through education, acknowledgment of heroes and good deeds, and the Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2) program.

Youth Hero Award/Good Deed Award

These awards were created in 2002 by the National Children & Youth Committee. The awards are presented throughout the year to recognize the heroism and leadership of youth in community service, including those in high school and younger. Thousands of Youth Hero and Good Deed awards have been presented to deserving youth since the beginning.

Youth Hero Award

Criteria for the **Youth Hero Award** include:

- Demonstrates a physical act of valor
- Serves as an inspirational role model for the organization and the community
- American Legion Family membership is not required for consideration.
- Examples include performing the Heimlich maneuver, rescue from fire and water peril, performing CPR, and providing assistance in a medical situation.

Youth Hero Award winners receive a medal and certificate.

Good Deed Award

Criteria for the **Good Deed Award** include:

- Project demonstrates leadership in community service by planning, organizing, and executing a service project.
- Project must be initiated by the youth being nominated.
- American Legion Family membership is not required for consideration.
- Examples include planning, organizing, and preparing a Veterans Day dinner; arranging donations to a charity instead of birthday presents; and organizing an event to fill backpacks for homeless veterans and arrange their distribution.

Good Deed Award winners receive a certificate.

Nominations for the Youth Hero and Good Deed award are submitted online under the Children and Youth program at www.alaforveterans.org or control click on the link below.
https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/youth_hero_good_deed_award_nomination

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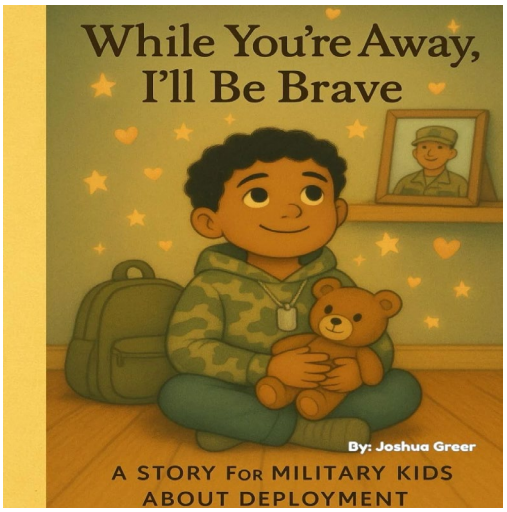
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Save the Date! National Children & Youth 1st Quarterly Zoom
October 7, 2026 @ 7:00 PM Eastern
Division Chairs will contact Department Chairs to provide the registration link.

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Book of Month Club



October Selection

While You're Away, I'll Be Brave:
A Comforting Book for Military Kids About Deployment, Bravery, and Staying Connected While Apart