



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILAIRY

2019-2020 Children & Youth Program Action Plan

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No Active Duty Service Family should be forgotten! Be their Secret ALA Santa!

Plan of Action for Children and Youth:

We have programs like Kids of deployed are Hero's 2, Youth Hero awards, Good deed award Klinger for those in need of more comfort.

There is a Jr. Activity's Patch that can be earned.

No Josh dog; use any stuffed animal.

Don't forget branding when you send any card, or donation indicate it's from the American Legion Auxiliary unit/member. Santa can come any month of the year even after they are back from deployment if you chose to extend it.

Example: From a Secret Santa American Legion Auxiliary Unit #, From your ALA secret Santa.

We have 294 National Guard solider deployed as of September 2019.

68 in 152nd CSSB, 68 in Btry A 1/147th FA, 39 in 147th FSC, 39 in 147th CS Co FWD, 72 in Btry B 1/147th FA, 7 in Cyber team and 1 in HHC 153rd.

Family Readiness Support Assistant person for each deployed unit are:

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Ideas on how to help:

Put money toward school lunches

Help with snow removal, maybe hire the neighbor child to do it, they could also receive a good deed award then.

Gift cards for Grocery's or gas,

Gift cert. for the family after they get back.

Find someone to keep in contact with in order to learn of their needs, through their church, the school, the grandparents, hairdresser, friends and neighbors.

Remember to report how you or your Units were the Secret Santa's for a deployed military family!!

Mid-Year Report due to me by December 10, 2019, so I can get the report to the Northwest Division Chairman by January 5, 2020. And the end of the year report to me by April 25 so I can get the report to the Northwest Division Chairman by May 5, 2020