



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA
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District and Unit Presidents,

Enclosed with this note is a Junior Activities Program Engagement Plan, I encourage you all to read it and help us build a strong, Junior Activities Program in ND. These young people are our future.

There are now four patched levels to the American Legion Auxiliary Junior patch program. The newly created purple level is for preschoolers, age three through kindergarten. Children of this age can earn their Americanism, membership, and Poppy patches:

- Americanism: educate yourself about the rights and responsibilities of an American citizens.
- Membership: your eligibility for membership is a gift from a veteran. The symbol of the sacrifices veterans made.

For each of the three patches, four of the seven choices can be completed to earn the patch. For example, to earn the Americanism patch a member could recite the Pledge of Allegiance with an adult, color, some pages in the ALA's America, the beautiful coloring books, draw a picture about what is important to you living in the United States, and have an adult identify the proper number of stars and stripes on the American flag.

In recent years, ALA national headquarters has fielded inquiries from mothers and junior activity chairs. Ask if anything could be sent for our young juniors who are working alongside older siblings, national Junior Activity committee chair, Barb Washburn initiated a process of adding a new level for younger juniors which created the purple level any junior member of ALA and school aged Sons of the American Legion can be part of the junior patch program. You do not have to have an activity group to participate. This is a wonderful way to get involved in learning about the ALA American Legion family, volunteering in the community and serving our countries veterans.

The four levels of the junior patch program now include:

- 1) purple level is for preschoolers, ages three through kindergarten.
- 2) red level first to the fourth grade.
- 2) gold level fifth to the eighth grade.
- 3) blue level ninth to the 12th grade.

Our objective is to help a junior member earn their patches. Build the Junior Activities Program one member at a time by giving Junior members a voice and an opportunity to participate.

Thank you for all you do for our veterans and our children.

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