

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
NEWPORT HARBOR UNIT 291**

**JOB DESCRIPTION: JUNIORS**  
(Updated 1/8/24)

**Position:** Chairman

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Junior Activities Committee is to interest eligible young women under the age of 18 in continuing their membership as a senior member through the positive experience of mission-based volunteering that instills the ideals of the organization.

The goal of the ALA Junior Activities program is to develop the Junior members into leaders and stay connected with them.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

1. The Junior Activities chairman is a seasoned member selected for her rapport with youth of all ages and for her creativity and energy. It is suggested that the Junior Activities chairman recruit additional young members to serve as peer helpers, so the needs of all age groups can be better served.
2. Juniors are not a separate organization but are under the guidance of an adviser (or Junior Activities chairman) and a committee of members.
3. The Junior Chairman works with other Chairman to create activities and learning opportunities in support of the aims and mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

ALA Junior members volunteer with other girls in their age group in many engaging activities:

1. Learning about patriotism and how to show respect for the American flag
2. Helping military families in practical ways such as mowing yards and helping military kids become acclimated at a new school
3. Distributing poppies and raising awareness, especially on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, so our veterans know we care about them
4. Practicing leadership by organizing service projects
5. Earning service patches while learning about ALA programs
6. Demonstrating responsibility for future scholarship, college, or military service applications

Below are examples of projects completed with the guidance of our Junior Chairmen.

1. Americanism
2. Essay Contest
3. American Flag Knowledge History & Knowledge Handling including Flag Folding and Disposal
4. V A & R
5. Thank a Veteran
6. Letters Valentine

7. Bag Stuffing
8. Education - Scholarships Children & Youth
9. Volunteering at the Children's Halloween and Holiday parties.

A Junior Activities handbook and training are available through <https://www.legion-aux.org/juniors>.

Reference the Auxiliary Bylaws and Standing Rules. Note, these sections as they refer to the **Position**:

Standing Rules:

ARTICLW II – MEMBERSHIP

2. Membership dues shall be \$150 per year for Senior members and \$10 per year for Juniors. Dues include National, Department, and District per capita fees.
3. The initiation fee for new members shall be \$250 for Seniors and \$20 for Juniors. Members shall be entitled to a membership card and Auxiliary pin. A copy of the Constitution and Bylaws is available on the Unit website. (2023)