

## November Happenings

November is the month of giving thanks. Let's remember the Kids of Our Active Military. While most of us are gathering around the table with our family, many are not. The Holidays are the hardest times for our Military Kids! What can we do to help them get through the holidays?

### Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2

"Kids of Deployed are Heroes2" (KDH2) is an initiative honoring military children who may be experiencing a separation from one or both parents, whether deployed to a war zone, having a short tour or on an extended temporary duty assignment. Recognition buttons or stickers with "I'm a Hero 2" can be distributed to these kids to recognize their sacrifices.



What can you do?

Host an event to recognize these military children. Be sure to include the Legion family, especially your Juniors. Have a supply of the "I'm a Hero 2" buttons or stickers ready to hand out. You might also want to have on-hand the "Proud Parent/Grandparent of a Military Child" button.

Consider these ideas:

- Coordinate with Family Readiness Groups for button distribution during family days.
- Coordinate with Legion Family members on local community days/fairs etc.
- Have an activity day/dinner for military families at your post home.

KDH2 buttons may be ordered through a commercial vendor or made yourself.

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## Instructions for Printing “I’m a Hero 2” Stickers

To print stickers, use Avery® Matte White High-Visibility Labels for Inkjet Printers 8293, 1-1/2" Diameter. The pack will make 400 round stickers, 20 per page.

Use a color printer when printing the stickers and keep in mind all printers pull paper differently. For this reason, do a test print before printing more than one sheet. Make sure everything aligns correctly. If it does not pull into your printer correctly, follow instructions provided in the Avery packet.

If you have access to a button maker, these stickers can be made into buttons. Buttons will have to be 1-1/2" to fit the size of the sticker.

Take a page of stickers or buttons with you anytime you go to an event where you will encounter military children. When you give a military child a button or sticker thank them for their service too. For other great ideas on how to distribute stickers or buttons, read the How to Conduct a “Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2” Program guide in the Children & Youth Plan of Action.

### Good Deed Award Challenge

We are asking for each Department to find and submit one Good Deed Award

How Do You Find Them:

School, Newspaper, TV, Facebook or just Word of Mouth

### Quarterly Zoom Meetings

*Mark Your Calendars Today!*

Q1 – September 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM Eastern Time

Q2 – December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM Eastern Time

Q3 – March 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM Eastern Time

Q4 – will be our Pre-convention Meeting, TBA

## HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Have you heard that the Child Welfare Foundation has a new name?

Formally announced October 23, 2024, the Child Welfare Foundation is now doing business as the

**Child Well-Being Foundation.**

The mission remains the same, and will still use the acronym, **CWF.**

To learn about the name change and the grants awarded in 2025, go to

<https://www.legion.org/information-center/news/dispatch/2024/october/cwf-gets-a-new-name>





Remember we are looking to have a minimum of **ONE Good Deed Award** per **Department.**

**Congratulations to the Following Departments!**

**New Jersey**

**New York**

Please seek our recipients for our **Youth Hero Awards.**

**Congratulations!**

**New Jersey**

**From my house to yours**



**Happy Thanksgiving**

American Legion  
Child Welfare Foundation



**As Linda promised, here are the donation totals received so far.**

Let's add money, money, money and a few more Departments next month, let's show them what the Auxiliary can do!

<b>Vermont</b>	<b>\$928.50</b>
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>\$905.00</b>
<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>\$197.00</b>
<b>Massachusetts</b>	<b>\$119.00</b>
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>\$ 37.00</b>

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**Q2 Zoom Meeting**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM Eastern**

**WILL WE SEE YOU?**

**I Hope so!**

**Watch Your Email for the Link!**

**Enjoy and Give Thanks with your Family? Remember those that are Active Duty Military that cannot be with their Family. If you know someone that is alone, why not invite them to dinner.**