

Children & Youth Program

Ladies, we are into six (6) months of 2015-2016, and there is still a lot of work to do with the Children & Youth Program. For the mid-year report, I received only 10 reports. Ladies we can do better than this, Right?

The year-end report is due on April 30, 2016, so we have four (4) months to promote the Children & Youth Program.

To recap the Plan of Action (POA) posted on the Department's website, the Children & Youth Program emphasizes protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veteran's and military families.

There are four (4) objectives to promote the Children & Youth Program:

- ❖ "Star Spangled Kids" - create a Unit Citizenship Award for children and youth who have learned the ideals of the U.S. Constitution.
- ❖ Plan a unit-hosted dinner, game night, community fair, etc, that will bring military and non-military kids and families. Team up with other community groups that are also concerned with the special needs of military children (i.e. Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), Give an Hour, Military Parents, Guard/Reserve Family Readiness Group representatives).
- ❖ Host events for children of veterans. Work with your post to identify the specific needs of children of veterans.
- ❖ Purchase and distribute G.I. Josh Dogs – Identify children who may be facing surgery.
- ❖ Provide safe activities for the community's children and youth, such as a Christmas party, Easter egg hunt, or Trick or Treat. Host a picnic, baseball game or activity day so children can become acquainted with playmates their own age.
- ❖ Nominate a child for the Youth Hero Award – recognize youth who demonstrate a heroic act of physical valor.
- ❖ Nominate a child for the Good Deed Award – recognize youth who are great examples of community service in action.

We recognize that it may be difficult to promote all of the above, but if your unit can meet two or three of these, this will be action your unit can report on your year end report.

For God and County,
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