



**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of California
District 28
Junior Activities**

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Madame President and Officers,

Juniors are the future of our organization. At DEC, this fact was pressed upon those in attendance. It was mentioned again that Junior conference is still at risk of being canceled. As of last week, there was only 1 junior in California who registered for the event that will occur in Sanger, CA April 22-24, 2022. The deadline to register has been extended to March 15th at 5pm. Also, Junior Conference ticket sales are at an all time low. Units are asked to please purchase tickets. If you haven't done so, please do. Junior conference is a self-funded program and it needs our support.

If Juniors are our future, how many do we have in our ranks within the district? We have 40 juniors according to the most recent membership report from Department. Are we doing our best to engage with them? Per the midyear reports this chairman received, it was evident that we may be overlooking these valuable members who are our future. Times are difficult with COVID and how it has impacted our lives. But we need to contact our Juniors and bring them into the fold.

How can we do this? The first step is to check your unit rosters and identify the juniors and their ages. Then make a plan for outreach. Ideas to get started are sending them a birthday card. Maybe mail them an auxiliary coloring book if they are younger. Invite them to participate in an upcoming event. Memorial Day is coming up, how about they read a poem as part of the ceremony your unit and/or post hosts. If they are nearing 18, reach out to them and encourage them to apply for scholarships that we sponsor. If they are eligible to attend Junior Conference, personally invite them to go.

This chairman recently learned that a Hailey Doidge, a junior member in our district, is wanting to go to Jr. Conference. Hailey sees what her mother does daily to support the Department of California and obviously wants to learn more. This is our chance to support her and help the future of the Auxiliary. The registration cost for Junior Conference this year is \$125. I move that District 28, pay the registration fee of \$125 so that Hailey may attend Junior Conference.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
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Junior Activities Chairman