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Dear Parents and Grandparents of Junior Members,

As we continue our mission of promoting patriotism and honoring those who serve our country, we want to recognize and thank you for enrolling your child or grandchild as a Junior Member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

This year, we've learned that many of our Junior members live outside the communities of their enrolling Units. While this can make in-person participation difficult, there are still countless ways you can help foster the patriotic spirit of the Auxiliary from wherever you are.

We invite you to explore meaningful and family-centered activities that support our nation's values and traditions—activities that can be both fun and impactful for children. Here are just a few ideas:

- **Explore History Together**: Visit local memorials or historical sites. Read books about American history or talk about the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution.
- **Celebrate Patriotic Holidays**: Fly the flag at home, attend community parades, or host a small family event on Independence Day, Veterans Day, or Memorial Day.
- **Serve Others**: Volunteer as a family at a community event, write letters to deployed service members, or help care for local parks and veteran memorials.
- **Learn and Discuss**: Talk about the importance of voting, civic responsibility, and what it means to be an American.
- **Honor Service**: Visit a veteran, thank a first responder, or create a family scrapbook that highlights relatives who have served.
- **Create Traditions**: Craft patriotic decorations, sing national songs, or engage in projects that reflect the spirit of unity and service.

These efforts, while simple, plant seeds of pride, gratitude, and civic duty—ideals that are at the heart of the American Legion Auxiliary. And more importantly, they offer precious moments of bonding and learning between generations.

We hope you'll embrace these opportunities to nurture patriotism at home and help your Junior member connect with the values and mission of the Auxiliary.

Thank you for all you do to support our country—and each other.

With gratitude,