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Hello Nannies. Many of you have heard from me already but for those who haven't let me tell you about a Vista Volunteer. She scours the World Wide Web searching for Children who are deserving of a Youth Hero Award or a Good Deed Award. To date she has sent me about a dozen such deserving youths around the state. In most cases I contact the Children and Youth District Chairman or the District President. Along with the name, age and brief description of the act, there is a link to the article. I also pass on the application. It is very easy to fill out, but not always easy to find the child. In most cases where the child attends school is in the article and hopefully the school will be of assistance. Scour your own newspaper and search for these children who know "Service not Self". The application can be found also on calegionaux.org under forms. It is suggested that the awards be given out at a school assembly.

Our Department Junior Children and Youth Chairman Maya Novicki, found a wonderful website www.ourmilitarykids.org. There is a lot of great information on it and it addresses the mental health issues of the child especially when a parent is deployed. I urge everyone to take a look at it for much useful information. Thank you Maya, keep up the great work.

As we start to make our holiday plans let's remember our children and their families. Military bases have Toy Drives and we are all familiar with the Marine's Toys for Tots. (www.toysfortots.org)

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