



The American Legion Auxiliary has been serving veterans and their family for over 90 years. One of the objectives of the Girls State Program is to instill in each Girls State Citizen a commitment to volunteerism. Each state selects a service project to work on during their Girls State Session. California Girls State's service project for this year is Operation Military Kids. During the session the delegates will be assembling Hero packs for the children of National Guard service personnel about to be deployed. Hero Packs are a way for community groups to give military kids a big thank you for their courage and support and to recognize these kids as heroes too. The "hero" is the child left at home taking on extra responsibilities while their parent is deployed to support the Global War on Terrorism. Hero Packs are for children ages 5-18.

**The goals of HERO Packs are to:**

- Provide fun items for children of deployed servicemen/women, and
- Provide items to help those children communicate with that deployed parent.

Below are suggestions for Hero Pack items that we are asking each delegate to bring. Please bring one or more of the following items to help fill up the Hero Packs that will be presented from this year's delegates.

- Small Photo Albums
- Photo frames
- Note Cards and Envelopes
- Stationery
- Postage Stamps
- Phone cards
- Pens, Pencils, Erasers
- Colored Pencils, Crayons, Washable Markers
- Small Children's Books
- Small Puzzle Books, Activity Pads or Coloring Books
- Small stuffed animals
- Small games, Deck of Cards
- Bookmarks, Stickers
- Hand or Finger Puppets
- Pipe Cleaners, Craft Supplies, Scrap Booking Supplies
- Glue Sticks
- Stickers
- Bandanna
- Disposable cameras
- Gift cards
- Movie passes
- Frisbee
- Yo-Yo's
- Key Chain