In the spirit of God and Country, we serve veterans, military and their families. Keep this in mind when asking our family, neighbors and community members to join us in service.

Community Service is considered one of the American Legion Auxiliary's family support programs.

1. Action steps: Activity suggestions for veterans and their families; plan a Family Day of fun activities at your post, adopt a deployed service members' family in the community or organize a community wide "Day of Service" for veterans and active-duty service members families.

Recognized National Days of Service

September 11 9/11 National Day of Service & September 25  Gold Star Mother's Day
October 26 Make a Difference Day
November 11 Veterans Day & November 12 National Family Volunteer Day
December 7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service
February 13-10 Random Acts of Kindness Week
April 15-21 National and Global Youth Service Week and National Volunteer Week
June 14 Flag Day
July 4 Independence Day

2. Action Steps: Promote community service activities that help veterans, active-duty service members, their families and the homeless veteran. Activities might include volunteering in a homeless veterans program such as helping prepare meals or collecting clothing for a homeless veteran's shelter, or creating comfort mats. Have the unit sponsor a special open house holiday meal for veterans, their families, military service members and the community.
DEPARTMENT TROPHIES
Feather Trophy — Unit in Department submitting the best report
Drake Trophy — Unit in Department submitting the second best report
Muriel Racheotes Trophy — Unit in District 1 submitting the best report
Dumais Trophy — Unit in District 3 submitting the best report
John Poirier Trophy — Unit in District 4 submitting the best report to the District Director and the department chairman
Ernst E. Tiede Trophy — Unit in District 5 submitting the best report
Millie Roberts Trophy — a traveling trophy awarded to the Unit in District 7 submitting the best report to the District Director and the department chairman by May 1.
Unit 82 Gold Star Mothers Trophy — Unit in District 8 submitting the best report
   Community Service Color Guard – (Awarded on the Parade Field) — To be awarded to the Color Guard Unit submitting the best narrative report in their community service activities. Report must be typewritten in narrative form, not exceeding 1,000 words.
National - Community Service Awards

Unit Award
A citation will be presented to a Unit in each Division with the most outstanding overall promotion of the Community Service Program during the 2010-2020 administrative year. Each entry must include at least two of the designated areas of special emphasis. Entry must be in narrative form not to exceed 1,000 words. Photos of program and projects are encouraged. The Unit name and address, name of the Department and a completed copy of the annual report form must be included. Entry must be postmarked by May 1, 2020, and sent to the Department Community Service Chairman. Each Department Chairman will select a winning entry and will submit that entry to the Divisional Community Service Chairman and must be postmarked by June 1, 2020.

Operation Impact Award
A citation will be presented to a Unit in each Division with the most outstanding promotion of a monthly Community Service Program. A minimum of 10 months must be covered. The projects must follow the Plan of Action and be mission-related. Each entry must include a monthly breakdown of program, topic of each program, how many attended program and results from that program. Photos are encouraged of each event. Each entry must be in narrative form, not to exceed 1,000 words. The Unit name, Department and address, Unit Chairman's name and contact phone number must be included on cover page. Cover page does not count in the total word count. Each entry must be postmarked by June 1, 2020 and sent to National Chairman.

Senior Volunteer of the Year Award
A senior member from each Division will be honored for outstanding service in at least one activity emphasized in the Plan of Action. To be eligible for the award, volunteer service must be provided during the 2019-2020 administrative year. The application must be fully completed with required certification and a narrative of 300-500 words completed by the applicant. Photos are encouraged. Senior entry must be postmarked by May 1, 2020, and sent to the Department Community Service Chairman. Each Department Chairman will select a winning entry and will submit the entry to the Divisional Community Service Chairman postmarked by June 1, 2020.

Junior Volunteer of the Year Award
A junior member from each Division will be honored for outstanding community service in at least one activity emphasized in the Plan of Action. To be eligible for the award, volunteer service must be provided during the 2019-2020 administrative year. The application must be fully completed with required certification, and a narrative of 300-500 words must be completed by the applicant. Photos are encouraged. Junior entry must be postmarked by May 1, 2020, and sent to the Department Community Service Chairman. Each Department Chairman will select a winning entry and will submit the entry to the Divisional Community Service Chairman, postmarked by June 1, 2020.

Resources

www.ALAthrveterans.org
www.mlkdad.org
www.legion.org (search economic di v)
www.serve.gov
www.whitehouse.gov (keywords: military families)