



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida Community Service Action Plan 2022-2023

Community service is a very important role in what we do as a Unit to accomplish our goals for the American Legion Auxiliary. It helps get us noticed in our community's. Choose your projects carefully so that you can easily complete them in a timely fashion. Take on as many as only your Unit can handle.

Suggestions:

- >Volunteer at your local library
- >Volunteer at your local schools
- >Volunteer at an animal shelter
- >Volunteer to help with a community event
- >Volunteer at a church food pantry
- >Volunteer at your hospitals

Get involved with neighbors and team up with VFW, AMVETS and other local organizations. Supporting the community will help get us noticed and further our mission.

Ideas: Always wear your American Legion Auxiliary apparel or pin while volunteering in the community; it reinforces our brand promise by telling people who we are, what we do, and why we matter.

Unit Level:

>Volunteer to organize or assist with your community's Veterans Day Observance.

>Volunteer at your local nursing homes. (Check and see how many Veterans are at that location) Take goodie bags to the Veterans and make sure to ask staff what you can and cannot give to them.

>Go to all Town or Community Hall meetings to see if there are any activities or projects that we may assist with.

>If you have a senior center volunteer to help with all their activities or create an activity unique to the Auxiliary.

>Represent the Auxiliary as a member of local boards and committees.

>We can now count all hours used at your Post home when you are helping the Legion, Sons, and Riders for their events.

Try to keep good track of all your Activities, hours spent, and money used. This will be helpful at the End of the Year for Reporting.

Keep it simple at first and then expand into bigger projects. Always complete the task at hand. Make sure you advertise all projects and keep a history by taking pictures and putting an article in your local newspaper. Make Sure you are using #colormethere when you are posting on Facebook.

REPORTING:

Year End Reporting:

> Unit Chairman Year End report and narrative to District Chairman by 4/1/23.

Please send two copies of Report and Narrative to District Chairman.

> District Chairman Year End report and narrative to Department Chairman by 4/15/23.

District Chairman Please when sending reports make sure you are sending both the Report and Narratives for all Units who have turned one in.

AWARDS:

National

A. Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Community Service Program

*Award: Citation Plaque

*Presented To: One Unit in each division (5)

*Materials and Guidelines:

>Include pictures and newspaper articles

B. Department Award: Best Department Community Service Program

*Award: Citation

*Presented To: One Department in each Division (5)

*Materials and Guidelines:

>Each Entry must be typewritten in narrative form

>Include pictures and Newspaper articles

Department:

Jan Croft "Hometown Trophy"

1. Fly Page

a. Name of award

b. Unit Name and Number

c. Location

d. Population of Town or City

2.Entry to be in a narrative form:

a. double spaced, 8.5" x 11" paper, not to exceed 1,500 words, bound in a folder.

- b. List all activities, hours spent, number of members participated, total value of projects.
- c. Newspaper clippings, pictures, and flyers may be included at the end of the report.
- d. Entries must be signed at the end of the narrative by the Unit President and Community Service Chair.
- e. Entries to be received by the Department Chairman no later than thirty (30) days prior to convention.

Chairmans Award:

Most Colorful Community Service Program

This award will be given to the Unit with the most colorful community service program. A narrative with pictures and articles should be turned into the Department Community Service Chairman by no longer than 30 days prior to convention.

Community Service Committee

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