



American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Florida

Community Service

Program Engagement Plan (PEP) 2024-2025

Purpose: The purpose of the Community Service Committee is to promote the American Legion Auxiliary's commitment to making our communities better places to live by supporting local service projects. *Standing Rules #6, National Committees Mission Outreach*

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Key Program Statements

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There are many ways to “Build a Bridge” (#buildabridge) to connect the Auxiliary to the Community.

As a Unit you can:

- ❖ Volunteer to organize or assist with your community's Veterans Day Observance
- ❖ Organize and participate in service projects for Veterans, servicemembers, their families and local community programs on ALA suggested days of service.
- ❖ Register service projects on websites, community forums and social media to attract other community members to participate in your service projects.
- ❖ Volunteer for local service projects and causes (walks, special events, etc). Work with you Post home to offer space and their participation in local service projects and causes
- ❖ Participate in the 9/11 Day National Day of Service and the Martin Luther King Day of Service
- ❖ Partner with the rest of the American Legion Family to organize and execute an American Legion Family Day

Important Dates to Remember

- ❖ September 11th, 2024- 9/11 Day of National Service
- ❖ January 20th, 2025- Dr. Martin Luther King JR National Day of Service
- ❖ April 26th, 2025 – American Legion Family Day

Need More Ideas or Want to Share your Ideas:

Visit ALA National Community Service Facebook Page
facebook.com/groups/110203022459992

Or ALA FL Community Service Facebook Page
facebook.com/groups/4524739464225709

Or Email CommunityService@al afl.org for any question that may have.

Year End Reporting :

Unit Chairman Year End Reporting report and narrative are due to District Chairman 4/1/2025. District Chairman Year End report and narrative to Department Chairman by 4/15/2025.

Awards:

National:

- 1 Unit Award: Most Outstanding Community Service Program (per division)
 - ❖ All unit entries must be submitted by the Unit via electronic form
2. Unit Award: Best Promotion of American Legion Family Day (one per division)
 - ❖ All unit entries must be submitted by the Unit via electronic form

Please fill out the information as completely and accurately as possible. Award certificates will be completed using the information given on this sheet, so please be sure to complete the electronic form in its entirety.

Please refer to the National website for specific criteria such photographs, narrative length submission deadline, and point of contact. All awards will be mailed to the department office after ALA National Convention. Department Presidents may wish to recognize award recipients by presenting them with the award at a Department function

National Awards Form Link: legion-aux.org/National-Awards-Form

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Jan Croft "Hometown" Award:

Sponsored by Boynton Beach Unit 164 and is awarded to the Unit reporting multiple projects within the community.

Please refer to the Unit guide for specific details, including deadlines.