



**American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Florida  
Community Service Action Plan  
2021-2022**

Each unit should “Dare to Commit” to have a Community Service Committee in charge of Community Service projects. It is the duty of this committee to study community needs, recommend projects to the Unit, then lead in the accomplishment of projects adopted, and report the work to the Department Community Service Committee.

The selection of a Community Service project should be given careful thought. A Unit will be fulfilling its obligation if it undertakes and completes one Community Service project each year. Initiate, if necessary, cooperate with the American Legion and other organizations where possible; but never duplicate the work of other organizations.

Go easy at first. Try small projects, carrying them to completion. Experience will teach the Unit the type of projects which the community will support, and which are within the ability of the Unit to accomplish. Plan your projects – work your plan – publicize your results.

- Volunteer at your local library.
- Volunteer to chaperone a field trip.
- Volunteer with a local nonprofit.
- Volunteer at an animal shelter.
- Volunteer at a community center.
- Volunteer as a lifeguard.
- Volunteer to be a crossing guard.
- Volunteer to do social media for a local org.
- Volunteer to help set up a community event.
- Volunteer at a food pantry.
- Volunteer at Covid 19 Centers

## **National Days of Service**

September 11, 2021 This year will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this horrendous day. Visit [www.911day.org](http://www.911day.org) to explore service project opportunities in your community and State. If there are no projects listed in your area, consider working with your Unit to organize your own 9/11 Day project, or do some volunteering individually. Please go to [911day.org](http://911day.org) for project near or dear to you and the unit.

January 17, 2022 – Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday celebrated. There are lots of chances to volunteer on this day. Please contact your local AME churches, community centers, etc. to see how you can participate on this National Day of Service.

## **AWARDS**

### **National**

Here are the national awards for this committee:

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Community Service Program (per division)

- Deadline June 1
- All department entries must be sent by the department chairman to their national division chairman postmarked by 5 p.m. EST on the deadline listed above. Members should follow instructions from their department.

Department Award: Best Department Community Service Program (per division)

- Deadline June 1
- All department entries must be sent by the department chairman to their national division chairman postmarked by 5 p.m. EST on the deadline listed above. Members should follow instructions from their department.

## Department

### Jan Croft "Hometown Trophy"

To be awarded to the unit reporting multiple projects within the community.

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 narrative form; double spaced, 8.5" x 11" paper, not to exceed 1,500 words, bound in a folder.
3. List all activities, hours spent, number of members participated, total value of projects.
4. Newspaper clippings, pictures, posters and flyers may be included at the end of report.
5. Entries must be signed at the end of the narrative by the Unit President and Community Service Chair.
6. Entries to be received by the Department Chairman no later than thirty (30) days prior to Convention.

### Community Service Committee

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