



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM



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Community Activities are an important part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars way of life and a great benefit to the community. Everyone develops his own perception of his community by what he sees going on immediately around him. Your work within your community and with other non-for-profit organizations can help your Post accomplish our goal.

Look over your Community Activity Programs and appoint an Activity Chairperson for each of the categories. Remember that all programs in the Veterans of Foreign Wars are important to Commanders at all levels. A post that is strong in Community Activities not only earns respect in the community, but will also be strong in membership.

Commanders must report on-line or on the Community Activities Report Form by March 15th, 2012 in order to qualify for a National Certificate of Recognition. Each Post must report in each of the following categories to qualify:

- a. Community Involvement
- b. Cooperation with other organizations
- c. Aid to others
- d. School and Church assistance

Community activities clearly benefits the people in the local community and involves the Post members to build a positive image for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

When taking on a project, inform your local newspaper or TV station about your plans and if possible, document your efforts by taking photos as you work at or on your Community Activities.

Membership and community involvement will increase your Post and our goal. "We Continue to Serve" must be our motto within our communities. Commanders at all levels should review the State X-Sheet on a weekly basis by checking out our website at www.vfwil.org.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.....

Remember to report your dollars, hours, and total number of Volunteers for each project. Please make sure that the dollars reported **reflect only those amounts donated or expended in the performance of their community activities.**

Our goal is to be 90% reported by December 31st, 2011. Remember.....

“WE CONTINUE TO SERVE”

Report it when it happens on-line or to the:

**State of Illinois
Veterans of Foreign Wars
PO Box 13206
Springfield, Illinois 62791-3206**

Deadline Dates

National VFW Special Project Program Deadline is October 30, 2011

“VFW New Member Community Service Volunteer of the Year” Award Deadline must be in State Headquarters by April 1st, 2012

Make A Difference Day is October 22, 2011.

Also, don't forget to participate in the 2012 March of Dimes Walk-America.

NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CONTEST

State selects Posts based on their own criteria and National guidelines

Number of Awards based on State size:

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| • Up to 200 Posts | 1 selection |
| • 201 to 400 Posts | 2 selections |

State selection due to National by June 1st.

- Award presented to Post Commander at National Convention
- Each Post Commander receives \$599.00 to assist with Convention expenses
- National Award Plaque
- Post Recognition Street Sign

RULES FOR THE RECORDBOOKS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Community Service Projects completed between May 1, 2011 and April 30, 2012.
2. Book size should be no larger than 12 x16 inches and no thicker than 3 inches you may use as many volumes as necessary.
3. Book to be separated into 4 Sections, A- B - C & D describing each project. Show money spent, and volunteer hours for each project. Also, show total of dollars spent and hours used at the end of each Section
4. Clippings or photographs should show dates and captions from newspapers and any other

information

5. Checks and Photostats should show what the money was spent for, also, total number of volunteer hours for each project.
6. Your book must be in State Headquarters **by May 15, 2012** for judging on **May 19, 2012**. (Tentative date)
7. The Community Activities Record Book entry form must be filled out and attached to the inside cover of the record book.
8. Pages must be numbered.

**BY REPORTING YOUR OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES,
VOLUNTEERS AND HOURS FOR EACH PROJECT WE CAN
CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR FELLOW VETERANS AND MAKE SURE**

“WE CONTINUE TO SERVE”



Community Activities Record Book Entry Form

1. This Form must be filled out and attached to the inside cover of the Community Activities Record Book that your Post enters in the State Community Activities Record Book Contest.

2. All Record Books submitted for State Judging will be taken to the State Convention Site and put on display where they are to be picked up by a Representative of the Post submitting the Record Book prior to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. Books not picked up will be destroyed by the Convention Center Staff.

3. The Post Commander must sign this form.

4. Your book must be in State Headquarters by May 15th, 2012 for judging on May 19, 2012. (This date is subject to change)

Post # _____ City: _____, State: _____ Zip: _____

Total Projects Total Hours Total Funds
Since 5/1/11 _____ Volunteered _____ Used/Donated \$ _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN:

Post Chairperson _____ Auxiliary Chairperson _____

JUDGES, NOTE THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

Page # _____, Project Name _____

Page # _____, Project Name _____

Page # _____, Project Name _____

Page # _____, Project Name _____

Post Commander Signature _____

Post Commander's Name (print) _____

Address: _____

City: _____, State: _____ Zip: _____