

Community Service

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Community Service 2022-2023



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Defined as:

“Any activity or program sponsored or co-sponsored by a VFW Post and/or its VFW Auxiliary, which serves to benefit the city, town, neighborhood, other organizations, institutions or individuals **NOT AFFILIATED** with the VFW or its Auxiliary as a body.”



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- Community Service
 - Sponsorship of:
 - Blood Drives
 - Food Drives
 - Recycling Programs
 - Food Distribution programs
 - Safety Programs
 - Flag details for public events
 - Get out the Vote program
 - Financial/equipment support of public programs or entities

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- Citizenship/Education/Americanism
 - Parades
 - Public Ceremonies
 - Flag Presentations
 - Educational Materials
 - Loyalty Day
 - POW/MIA activity
 - Legislative

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- Aid to Others
 - Hospital
 - Nursing Homes
 - Senior Citizens
 - Blood Drives
 - March of Dimes
 - Operation Uplink

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- Youth Activities
 - Conduct a Voice of Democracy program
 - Conduct a Patriot's Pen program
 - Conduct a Patriotic Art program
 - Sponsor and support of a Scouting or youth unit
 - Conduct a Scout of the Year program
 - Sponsorship of a youth sporting team
 - Sponsor a youth event
 - Easter egg hunt
 - Bike safety program
 - Halloween Party
 - Christmas party's
 - Veterans in classroom
 - Flag etiquette instruction
 - Support of JROTC unit, Boy Scout Troop, Cub Scout Pack, Young Marine unit

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- Safety
 - Pedestrian
 - Drug Awareness
 - Recreational
 - Highway
 - Fire
 - Home
 - Gun

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Disallowed Activities



- Any project for yourself or member of VFW, Auxiliaries, Motorcycle Unit, etc.
- Reciting the Pledge to the Flag at a Post monthly meeting
- Sending a “Get Well” card to a member of the VFW , Auxiliaries, Motorcycle Unit, etc.
 - Shopping for said cards above
 - Post office visit to mail said cards
 - Providing the car to deliver said card
- Any activity obviously within the scope of another previously reported Project

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- Flag raising ceremony at the Post, unless attended by persons outside the VFW, Auxiliaries, Motorcycle Unit, etc.
- Purchasing replacement flags for the Post
- Running an errand for or giving a ride to a VFW, Auxiliaries, Motorcycle Unit, etc.
- Honor Guard posting colors at a VFW, Auxiliaries, Motorcycle Unit, etc. meeting or ceremony
- Giving a certificate to a VFW, Auxiliaries, Motorcycle Unit, etc.
- Donation to a VFW, Auxiliaries, Motorcycle Unit, etc.

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- Hours working on a Fundraiser
- Serving meals at a Post to members or guests when there is a charge for those meals
- Putting on a meal for Post Members
- Providing Post facilities for events

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Be Mindful



- Not to “double report” – Same activity under more than one category
- Be “Honest and Accurate”
- Maintain Copies
- Give a detailed description of event, Do not list each person involved
- Indicate Total hours of all volunteers – round up to whole hours
- Ensure your District, Post# and Dates are on the Report