

COMMUNITY SERVICE – BETTY STAAL

Our Purpose: Mobilize The American Legion Family, the veteran and military community, and the general population of the community to provide service directed to veterans, active duty service members, and their families. With Department President Donna Hatfield's theme, "Rolling Forward with The American Legion Auxiliary and Family", our programs will be easy and fun to fulfill.

Objective: Develop, implement and monitor community service activities that aid veterans, active duty service members and their families while positioning the American Legion Auxiliary as a one-stop-shop organization to assist them in meeting their needs.

Action: Activity suggestions to aid and/assist veterans, active-duty service members and their families; rake/mow their lawn; rebuild the back porch; invite them to your post home for a Family Day of fun activities.

Objective: Develop, implement, and monitor community service activities that promote economic security for veterans, active duty service members, their families and the homeless veteran while encouraging the public to assist in their endeavor.

Action: Veteran Homelessness Prevention and Response- Plan community service activities to aid veterans, active duty service members, and their families who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. Organize a Job Fair. Plan a Unit innovative activity, something unique.

Community Service Awards

Unit Award - A citation will be presented to a Unit in each Division with the most outstanding overall promotion of the Community Service Program during the 2011-2012 administrative year. Each entry must include at least two of the designated areas of special emphasis. Entry must be in narrative form not to exceed 1,000 words. Photos of program and projects are encouraged. The Unit name and address, name of the Department and a completed copy of the annual report form must be included. Entry must be postmarked by May 1, 2012 and sent to this Department Community Service Chairman.

Operation Impact Award – A citation will be presented to a Unit in each division with the most outstanding promotion of a monthly Community Service Program. A minimum of 10 months must be covered. The projects must follow the Plan of Action and be mission-related. Each entry must include a monthly breakdown of program, topic of each program, how many attended program and results from that program. Photos are encouraged of each event. Each entry must be in narrative form, not to exceed 1,000 words. The Unit name, Department and address, Unit Chairman's name and contact phone number must be included on cover page. Cover page does not count in the total word count. Each entry must be postmarked by May 1, 2012 and sent to this Department Chairman. The winning entry will be forwarded to the Divisional Chairman.

Senior Volunteer of the Year Award - A senior member from each division will be honored for outstanding service in at least one activity emphasized in the Plan of Action. To be eligible for the award, volunteer service must be provided during the 2011-2012 administrative year. The application must be fully completed with required certification and a narrative of 300-500 words completed by the applicant. Photos are encouraged. Senior entry must be postmarked by May 1, 2012 and sent to this Department Community Service Chairman.

Junior Volunteer of the Year Award – A Junior member from each division will be honored for outstanding service in at least one activity emphasized in the Plan of Action. To be eligible for the award, volunteer service must be provided during the 2011-2012 administrative year. The application must be fully completed with required certification and a narrative of 300-500 words completed by the applicant. Photos are encouraged. Junior entry must be postmarked by May 1, 2012 and sent to this Department Community Service Chairman.

CITATION POINTS-20 points assigned

- 5 pts.....unit submitting an essay about the community service your unit has done, in less than 1,000 words. State what you did, how you did it, and the results of what you did.
- 5 pts.....Unit participated in a homeless veteran activity.
- 5 pts.... Unit submitted a Senior or Junior Volunteer of the Year.
- 5pts.....Unit participated in an innovative activity that aids our veterans.