

# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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 must continue to work within our communities because "No One Does More For Veterans". Commanders at all levels should review the Department X-Sheet on a weekly basis by checking out our website at [www.vfwil.org](http://www.vfwil.org).

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

Remember to report your dollars spent, 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 31, 2021.**



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

State of Illinois  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
P.O. Box 13206  
Springfield, IL 62791-3206

**Deadline Dates**

National VFW Post Special Project Program Deadline is April 30, 2022

"VFW Member Community Service Volunteer of the Year" Award Deadline must be in Department Headquarters by April 1, 2022

**Community Activities Recordbooks Award**

The top Community Activities Recordbook in each Membership Category will receive a \$50.00 Cash Award at the 2022 State Convention.

Membership Category 1 - Up to 150 members  
Membership Category 2 - 151 to 300 members  
Membership Category 3 - 301 members and up

**NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CONTEST**

- Department selects Posts based on their own criteria and National guidelines
- Number of Awards based on Department size:
  - Up to 200 Posts                      1 selection
  - 201 to 400 Posts                      2 selections
- Department selection due to National by May 1.
  
- 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, 2021 and April 30, 2022.
2. Book size should be no larger than 12 x 16 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 3, 2022** for judging on **May 6, 2022**.
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 AS WE EMBODY  
"MISSION FIRST - VETERANS ALWAYS"**

**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 Department Community Activities Record Book Contest.**
- 2. All Record Books submitted for Department Judging will be returned to the Post Commander following judging.**
- 3. The Post Commander must sign this form.**
- 4. Your book must be in State Headquarters by May 3, 2022 for judging on May 6, 2022.**

Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Projects                      Total Hours                      Total Funds

Since 5/1/21 \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteered \_\_\_\_\_ Used/Donated \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN:**

Post Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGES, NOTE THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

Page # \_\_\_\_\_, Project Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Page # \_\_\_\_\_, Project Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Page # \_\_\_\_\_, Project Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Page # \_\_\_\_\_, Project Name \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Post Commander Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Post Commander's Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_