

## Community Service Bulletin

September 2021

Hopefully July 4<sup>th</sup> was a perfect day for you to start off your Unit/District Community Service program projects. Many of you may have all ready participated in your community's parades and festivals honoring our service men and women.

This program's objective is to develop, implement and monitor community service activities that aid our veterans, service members and their families. On national days of service your unit/district should plan projects just for them.

Painfully, we are all aware of the homeless problem affecting our veterans and their families. We also need to be aware of many veterans and families who may suddenly find themselves in this situation.

There are many ways to help these families such as collecting new or gently used clothing, put together hygiene kits or comfort kits, household items for recently re-housed veterans.

This time of year many communities are holding bazaars, yard sales and fairs. Maybe your unit could co-sponsor a booth to provide information about the American Legion Auxiliary and working side-by-side with local volunteers to provide information to our veterans.

Be sure to keep track of your hours and the number of veterans who assisted. This is how our communities get to know our organization and the work we do for our veterans.

Mark your calendars for the following events for Auxiliary members to get involved with and their communities what our Auxiliary members do.

. National Day of Service September 11, 2021

. Patriot day September 11, 2021

- . Gold Star Mother's Day September 30, 2021
- . Make a Difference Day October 27, 2021
- . Veterans Day November 11, 2021
- . National Family Volunteer Day November 17, 2021
- . National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day December 7, 2021
- . Martin Luther King Day of Service January 21, 2022
- . Month of the Military Child April 2022
- . National Volunteer Week 25-30 April 2022

Make a Difference Day should be every day, not just one day a year.

We have the ability to make a difference in someone's life every day.