

COMMUNITY SERVICE

JULY 2022 - 30 JUNE 2023



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What is Community Service ?

Community Service as defined by the National Community Service Trust Act : encompasses any human act serving the common good; in the interest of the community.

Community service is further defined as
“a service that is performed for the benefit of the public or its institutions.”

VFW COMMUNITY SERVICE

- must be performed by and as a representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and
- performed for an organization outside the VFW and its Auxiliaries and
- must be verified by an authorized representative of that organization

What is NOT Community Service

Efforts performed for the benefit of the Post/Auxiliary ARE NOT Community Service!

Examples: Maintenance or upkeep of the Post home, cooking a meal
Post fund raiser, working on Bingo night, Poppy drives

Efforts that are part of the normal requirements of a Post are not considered Community Service. Examples: Flying the American flag, policing the area around your Post home, conducting a Flag retirement program as it is performed for the entire community.

- Each time you visit a school, conduct a patriotic event, honor a local hero, serve your community's youth or perform any kind of community service, you are creating an impression of the VFW.
- That impression is the beginning of a relationship that benefits the community and your Post.
- The goal of any Post should be to become known as a valuable community resource and not the local “watering hole” in the community.
- Posts that achieve this status rarely have problems with recruiting or fundraising.

Why do we report it??

Data is collected by VFW National HQ to provide information to Congress, the Veterans Administration, and other government agencies regarding the HOURS, and DOLLARS contributed by members of the VFW to our local communities

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA YEAR END TOTAL \$ CONTRIBUTIONS AND HOURS

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 *	2020-21 *	2021-22	2022-2023
TOTAL HRS	40,641	56,374	30,102	20,290	27,072	36,260
TOTAL \$ Donated	373,287	401,617	253,431	217,040	437,121	\$426,232
TOTALS	\$1,406,788	\$1,835,208	\$1,018,925	\$768,939	\$1,173,467	\$1,579,298

Note: *COVID pandemic affected 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 numbers

These numbers are reported to VFW HQ each year and are used to justify our tax exemption status as well as demonstrate to Congress the annual contributions of the VFW to our veteran community. THIS IS WHY WE REPORT OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR VETS!

REPORTING YOUR ACTIVITIES

ONLINE REPORT SYSTEM

POST COMMANDERS TAKE NOTE: **ONE** Designated comrade chosen by the Post Commander (usually the Senior Vice or Junior Vice Commander) should be the Post's reporting official. He/she should maintain blank report forms for the Post and make liaison with the Auxiliary for their reports.

Reports should be sent by each Post and District monthly. Please do not wait until the end of the reporting year (JUNE).

Online report is found on our website: VFWSC.ORG

www.VFWSC.ORG

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LOG IN UNDER MEMBERS ONLY YOU'LL SEE THIS:

Department Report Card

Report Card Guide

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Community Service Reporting

Community Service Categories

Department of SC By-Laws

Report Card - AA Dashboard Decision Tree

Memstats Explained

CLICK ON THIS LINK TO OPEN UP THE ONLINE REPORT FORM!

PLEASE READ THIS GUIDANCE!

Program Reporting OR YOU CAN OPEN HERE!

CS Report Form for Individual Comrades

DOWNLOAD THE FORM FROM OUR [VFWSC.ORG](https://vfwsc.org) WEBSITE

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT FORM FOR INDIVIDUAL COMRADES 2023-2024

Updated 7/7/2023

Suggestions for every Post:

- Make Community Service an AGENDA item at every Post Meeting!
- Have your Cty Svc representative give a monthly report of your Post's progress in each category.
- PROVIDE BLANK COPIES AND DISTRIBUTE AT YOUR MONTHLY MEETINGS. *(You might want to keep a binder near your guest register with blank forms and a place for your members to return their completed forms)*

SUMMARY

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTING IS IMPORTANT!

We take care of veterans! And every Post should strive to be a valuable asset in every one of our communities..... An asset for your schools, your law enforcement, your mayors and councilmembers, and all who have served and are still serving in our military.

MONTHLY REPORTS are expected for EVERY Post in the Department.

Your Cty Svc REPORTING is a criteria for “All State” for your Post

I'm here to help! Email me with questions:

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Have a great 20232024 VFW year!

