

COMMUNITY SERVICE

1 JULY 2022 - 30 JUNE 2023

The logo for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is displayed. It features the letters "VFW" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. To the left of the "V" are three vertical gold bars of varying heights, representing the organization's flag.

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.



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 verifiable 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 for a 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 -
unless it is performed for the entire community.

CATEGORIES AS SHOWN ON OUR ONLINE REPORT FORM

Select a Program*

Community Service

Americanism

Youth Activities

Safety

Veterans and Military Support

Voice of Democracy

Patriot's Pen

Teach Scout

Cumulative Hours*

Miles*

Members*

0

0

0

Dollars Spent/Donated*

COMMUNITY SERVICE EXAMPLES

COMMUNITY SERVICE includes any activities within your community which help to benefit the community, school, parks, recycling, neighborhood cleanings, etc

- ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM
- VOLUNTEER AT A FOOD BANK / MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM
- MAINTAINING MONUMENTS AT LOCAL VETERANS' PARK OR CEMETERY
- DONATE BLOOD
- DRIVE RESIDENTS OF LOCAL HOMELESS SHELTER TO MEDICAL

APPOINTMENTS

Community Service Reporting

| Record | 1 | District | 8 | POST | 9539 | Submitted Date | 7/6/2022 |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------|---|------------------|-----------|----------------|----------|
| Program | | Community Service | | Date of Activity | 6/22/2022 | Activity | |
| Hours | | 1.5 | | Miles | 30 | Members | 1 |
| Dollars Spent/Donated | | 0 | | | | | |
| Description | | | | | | | |
| Member delivered Meals on Wheels | | | | | | | |

| Record | 2 | District | 8 | POST | 9539 | Submitted Date | 7/6/2022 |
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| Program | | Community Service | | Date of Activity | 6/24/2022 | Activity | |
| Hours | | 1.5 | | Miles | 30 | Members | 1 |
| Dollars Spent/Donated | | 0 | | | | | |
| Description | | | | | | | |
| Delivered Meals on Wheels. | | | | | | | |

| Record | 3 | District | 8 | POST | 9539 | Submitted Date | 7/22/2022 |
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| Program | | Community Service | | Date of Activity | 7/13/2022 | Activity | |
| Hours | | 2 | | Miles | 8 | Members | 1 |
| Dollars Spent/Donated | | 0 | | | | | |

AMERICANISM EXAMPLES

- **POST MARCHES IN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE, 4TH OF JULY ETC.**
- **POST COLLECTS TATTERED AMERICAN FLAGS AND HOLDS A FLAG RETIREMENT/ BURN CEREMONY FOR THE PUBLIC**
- **COMRADES PARTICIPATE AND/OR ATTEND SCHOOL VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES**

| Record | 1 | District | 5 | POST | 12136 | Submitted Date | 7/5/2022 |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Program | | Americanism | Date of Activity | | 7/4/2022 | Activity | |
| Hours | | 6 | Miles | | 31 | Members | 6 |
| Dollars Spent/Donated | | 0 | | | | | |

Description

The post Color Guard participated in a 4th of July ceremony at the Treetops Community in rural Lancaster SC. One HG member was the primary speaker at the event.

| Record | 2 | District | 5 | POST | 12136 | Submitted Date | 7/4/2022 |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Program | | Americanism | Date of Activity | | 7/4/2022 | Activity | |
| Hours | | 8 | Miles | | 6 | Members | 4 |
| Dollars Spent/Donated | | 0 | | | | | |

Description

Generated and presented a July 4th (Independence Day) a presentation summary of its origination and significance to our citizens and country at the WaterCrest Senior Living center in Indian Land SC. There were 21 individuals from the home that participated in this event. Two Post Auxiliary members took pictures and passed out Buddy Poppies to the residents (This effort will be reported on their CS form. These individuals were not in the VFW member count

YOUTH ACTIVITIES EXAMPLES

- **COMRADES TEACH STUDENTS HOW TO POST AND RETIRE THE FLAG AT THE LOCAL SCHOOL**
- **COMRADES SPEAK TO STUDENTS ABOUT VETERANS DAY, MEMORIAL DAY, FLAG DAY ETC**
- **POST WORKS WITH LOCAL SCHOOL TO PREPARE A MILITARY DISPLAY IN THE SCHOOL'S TROPHY CASE**

Community Service Reporting

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| Record | 1 | District | 2 | POST | 6740 | Submitted Date | 7/21/2022 |
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| Program | Youth | Date of Activity | 7/21/2022 | Activity | |
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| Hours | 0.5 | Miles | 28 | Members | 1 |
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| Dollars Spent/Donated | 0 |
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Description

Comrade Holloway met with a group of kids at the Batesburg-Leesville Leisure Center and encouraged them to attend the back-to-school bash hosted by VFW Post 6740. The back-to-school bash will provide school supplies for the children in the area.

SAFETY EXAMPLES

- COMMANDER SAFETY BRIEFING AT MONTHLY MEETING ON HEAT INJURIES, SNAKE BITES, FIRE SAFETY ETC.
- REPORT TOTAL TIME (i.e. A 4 minute brief to 21 comrades is 44 minutes spent on safety. Report .75 hours)

Community Service Reporting

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| Record | 1 | District | 4 | POST | 6734 | Submitted Date | 7/27/2022 |
| Program | | Safety | | Date of Activity | 7/4/2022 | Activity | |
| Hours | | 0.5 | | Miles | 7 | Members | 1 |
| Dollars Spent/Donated | | 0 | | | | | |

Description

Safety briefing for children's and adults prior to shooting fireworks.

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| Record | 2 | District | 4 | POST | 6734 | Submitted Date | 7/27/2022 |
| Program | | Safety | | Date of Activity | 7/17/2022 | Activity | |
| Hours | | 0.3 | | Miles | 10 | Members | 23 |
| Dollars Spent/Donated | | 10 | | | | | |

Description

Safety briefing on heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Increase your fluid intake during hot days.

VETERANS AND MILITARY SUPPORT EXAMPLES

- **TAKE VETERAN TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENT**
- **VISIT VETERANS AT NURSING HOME OR IN THE HOSPITAL OR AT HOME SICK**
- **TAKE VETERAN SHOPPING**
- **PICK UP GROCERIES OR MEDICATIONS FOR A VET**
- **DO YARD WORK / CUT THE LAWN FOR A VETERAN'S WIDOW**
- **PROVIDE MONEY TO A VETERAN IN NEED**
- **HELP A VETERAN PREPARE HIS HOME FOR A HURRICANE**
- **PAY A VETERAN'S UTILITY BILL**

| Record | 1 | District | 8 | POST | 3447 | Submitted Date | 7/10/2022 |
|---|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------|----------|-----------------|-----------|
| Program | | Veterans and Military Support | Date of Activity | | 7/3/2022 | Activity | |
| Hours | | 80 | Miles | | 50 | Members | 10 |
| Dollars Spent/Donated | | 1200 | | | | | |
| Description | | | | | | | |
| Made meals for post shut ins for delivery | | | | | | | |

| Record | 2 | District | 8 | POST | 3447 | Submitted Date | 7/2/2022 |
|---|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Program | | Veterans and Military Support | Date of Activity | | 7/1/2022 | Activity | |
| Hours | | 4 | Miles | | 196 | Members | 2 |
| Dollars Spent/Donated | | 0 | | | | | |
| Description | | | | | | | |
| Visited veterans at a nursing home Eastern Nebraska Veterans home while on vacation Played Bingo and helped the staff bring the veterans to and from their rooms. | | | | | | | |

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PATRIOTS PEN TEACH/SCOUT EXAMPLES

- **TRAVEL TO SCHOOLS TO DISTRIBUTE PAMPHLETS**
- **MET WITH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL/GUIDANCE COUNSELOR**
- **TRAVEL TO GATHER COMPLETED APPLICATIONS**
- **ORGANIZED POST COMMITTEE TO REVIEW & SELECT POST NOMINEES**
- **TIME SPENT BY COMMITTEE**

- **NOMINATE TEACHER FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

- **WORKED WITH LOCAL BOY SCOUT TROOP FOR FLAG DAY RETIREMENT CEREMONY**
- **WORKED WITH SCOUT FOR EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**
- **REPORT ALL \$ SPENT ON AWARDS, AWARD DINNERS, ETC.**

REPORTING YOUR ACTIVITIES ONLINE REPORT SYSTEM

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.**
- **Online report is found on our website: VFWSC.ORG**

The Reporting Process

- Online report submitted by the Post
- Email generated and sent back to the person making the report and a copy comes to me
- Each report is reviewed to make sure it meets the guidelines of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. If not, I email the sender with suggestions.
- Once the report is approved, it appears on our report card

CS Report Form for Individual Comrades

Suggestions:

-PROVIDE BLANK COPIES AND DISTRIBUTE AT YOUR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

-MAKE Community Service an Agenda item at EVERY POST MEETING!

(You might want to collect completed Individual Report forms at your meetings and hand out blank forms AND/OR Keep a binder near your guest register for your members to return their completed forms and pick up blank forms)

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**

| | <i>2017-18</i> | <i>2018-19</i> | <i>2019-20 *</i> | <i>2020-21 *</i> | <i>2021-22</i> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| TOTAL HRS | 40,641 | 56,374 | 30,102 | 20,290 | 27,072 |
| TOTAL \$ Donated | 373,287 | 401,617 | 253,431 | 217,040 | 437,121 |
| TOTALS | \$1,406,788 | \$1,835,208 | \$1,018,925 | \$768,939 | \$1,173,467 |

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

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.

SUMMARY

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTING IS IMPORTANT!

It's the essence of what the VFW stands for! We take care of veterans! WE MUST BE ACTIVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

MONTHLY REPORTS are expected for EVERY Post in the Department.

CS REPORTING is a criteria for the award of "All State" for your Post as well as for All American.

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

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Have a great 2022-2023 VFW year!

