

Below is a list of ideas for your post to get involved in to get credit for Community Service. You do not need to do all of these but there are some excellent ideas on this list. And remember to submit your report(s) up to the Dashboard in order to receive credit.

100 Event Ideas for VFW Day of Service.

Adopt a Road Trash Pick Up- Your Post can Adopt-a-Road to pick up trash and then extend it to the Post cleaning the grounds.

Food Drive for Military Families- Have a local food drive for the military families in the area.

Cemetery Clean Up- Clean grave headstones of military veterans in local cemeteries.

Game Day- Partner with other non-profit organizations in the area to promote & present information for veteran benefits. Invite the local General, Mayor, Fire Chief, Police Chief, County Judge, and VA officials and have them speak on the programs they provide.

Placing Flags at a Local Cemetery- Place flags and clean around the headstones at local cemeteries.

Memorial Marker Restoration- Restore memorial markers in the area.

Blood Drive- Hold a blood drive at your Post.

Beach Clean Up- Pick up trash and to keep local beaches clean.

Park Clean-Up- Hold a local park clean-up event.

Operation Christmas- Build cars and trucks for Operation Christmas Child and the Salvation Army Angle Tree.

Visiting Incarcerated Veterans- Visit incarcerated Veteran prisoners in the local jail. The intent is to learn about their military service, thank them for their service, tell them that they have not been forgotten by their fellow Veterans, identify any Veteran related matter where we may be able to assist, check on the welfare of their families, put them on a list to get mail from our Post at Christmas and on Veterans Day.

First Responder Recognition Day- Hold a food drive in honor of First Responder Recognition Day.

Fish Fry- Cooking and serving a meal and helping the homeless people in the community.

Veterans Resource Fair- Hosting a Veteran's Resource Fair for the National Day of Service. Bringing in a VSO and representatives from a variety of service providers that can benefit the veteran community.

Vietnam Veterans Luncheon- Host a luncheon at your VFW post to celebrate and honor veterans of all services in the community. You can also invite vendors with veteran-related resources.

Providing Benches for Veterans' Bus Stops- Provide benches at specific areas throughout Your city so that troops have a place to rest while waiting on bus service. Each bench can have the logo of the post attached.

Visit the VA Home- Visit the VA home and conduct activities with Veterans including games, talking with them, working with them on their needs, and helping them with the PACT Act.

Continuing Education Scholarships- Offer two \$500 continuing education scholarships to High School candidates.

Open House and Family Day- Host an open house and family day at your VFW Post. You can share about the work you do and your various programs. Offer face painting, a bounce house, and more for the kids.

Headshots For Hero's- Hold a Headshots for Hero's Day of Service event for veterans in need of professional headshots.

Veteran's Fair and Adopt-a-Pet- Hold a veteran's fair and an adopt-a-pet event.

Chili Fundraiser-Have a chili fundraiser at your Post

Operation Backpack-Have your members partner with the community to hand out backpacks filled with everyday necessities.

Community Service Event Health Fair-Have a Community Service Event and Health Fair. Partner with a local Adult Center, Church, Veterans Service Agency, and Girl or Boy Scout troops. Serve food, music, health information, and unity.

Fishing Tournament- Have a local fishing tournament and have a portion go to local veteran organizations.

You could have two phases of the fishing tournament the first phase is for Veterans & adult civilians and the second phase is for Veterans children and civilian children. The goal of this event is to honor our nation's veterans.

Mentoring and Ministry for Youth and Young Couples- Hold a mentoring and ministry with the local church for youth and young couples.

Mental Health Awareness and Food Drive- Hold an event with a motorcade driving at 22mph to 10 stops. At each stop we will pick up donated canned goods. We will also have a speaker at each stop to talk about who veterans can call to get help with mental health.

Clean up local Park & Baseball fields-Hold clean up events at local parks and baseball fields. Cleaning overgrowth and picking up litter.

Helping a Fellow Veteran- Find a local Veteran in need and support and assist them with house needs etc.

Red Cross Blood Drive- Run a Red Cross blood drive at your Post.

Health and Wellness Fair- Hold a Disaster Preparedness Health and Wellness Day of Service.

Community Event and 2k Run- Have a community event with a 2K run. Provide VFW information, recruit, and answer questions about the PACT and COMPACT ACTS.

Lunch Delivery to First Responders-Host a lunch delivery to first responders to support them. You can deliver sub sandwich meals to the first responders in the area.

Craft Day with Veterans- Hold a craft day for veterans. Assist patients in making a craft that displays the US Flag and POW/MIA flag; and provide a snack.

Honor an Ex-POW from the Vietnam War-Find an Ex POW to honor in your area.

Pet Adoption and Diaper Drive-Hold a pet adoption event for a local Pet Rescue. In addition, you could partner with the County's Children and Youth Services to collect and distribute diapers and baby wipes for local children, primarily infants, as they enter the foster care system.

Painting a Home-Find someone in the area who needs their home painted.

Wheelchair Ramp installation- Locate someone local who needs a wheelchair ramp at their home.

Hike to Prevent Veteran Suicide- Hold a hike to raise veteran suicide awareness.

Community Project with JROTC- Hold a joint event with the local JROTC. As a joint venture between the VFW Members, JROTC Students, and College Veteran-Students. You can select a Veteran from the local community to help with home improvements. You can paint a veteran's home and better the look of the community. All the paint and supplies are donated and funded by VFW Post.

Habitat for Humanity-Help build houses for Habitat for Humanity.

Benefit Car and Bike Run-We are holding a benefit car and bike run. The Post will also have an open house to let veterans see what they offer and what other veteran services are available in the area.

Volunteer Event at VA Hospital-Volunteer at the local VA Hospital.

Community Information Booth and Health Checks-We are holding a community booth and health checks. Donate personnel, time, and resources that will benefit the community as well as uplift veterans who volunteer and help us with planning and coordination.

Three-Day Food Drive Event-Hold a three-day event supporting the USPS carrier's food drive. On day 1 deliver flyers around your area, on day 2 we assist at a collection point loading food into a truck, and on day 3 assist in sorting donated food at the local Food Pantry.

Build Bunk Beds for Kids-Build bunk beds with the organization Sleep in Heavenly Sleep for children that do not have a bed.

Food Bank Golf Tournament-Hold a golf tournament to support the local Food Bank.

Rebuilding A Veterans Fence-Rebuild a Veterans fence.

Breakfast for the Homeless- Cook breakfast for the homeless at the local Union Station

Thank You Letter Writing Campaign to Veterans- Partner with a local school and have students write letters to veterans thanking them for their service. Pass them out to veterans at your post.

Veterans Breakfast and Parade-Have your post host a breakfast before the Memorial Day parade. Open it up to everyone in the community. Then donate the proceeds will go toward the local youth scholarship programs and supporting youth organizations in the community.

Oyster Feed- Hold an oyster feed event. Cook and serve food at your post or a local Hall. You can find a local fundraiser to donate the earnings to.

Motorcycle Safety Event and Mentorship Ride- If you have VFW Members who are motorcycle riders they can lead and teach newer and less experienced Motorcycle Riders how to navigate daily traffic hazards, participate in an advanced skills course, and a ride.

The Post Members and Riders not Riding can assist in keeping everyone hydrated. You can also provide information on VFW Programs and Projects while recruiting new Members and covering our Post's extensive motorcycle safety program.

Visit Local Nursing Homes and Homebound Veterans-Visit local nursing homes and homebound veterans. You can bring activities and needed essentials. Spend time with them and listen to their stories.

Blanket Drive-Have a blanket drive at your post. You can also partner with the local sheriff's department, who use the blankets to give to children as needed.

Car Wash for Veterans-Contact rest home and assisted living homes to serve veterans who have vehicles. Wash their cars, wax their cars, and clean the inside of their cars.

Refurbish and Relocate Park Benches- Refurbish local park benches. Find a local park in your area that has park benches, pressure clean and re-stain them, replace all boards with newly painted lumber.

Hygienic Supplies Provide hygienic supplies to two local schools in need.

Sleep and Heavenly Peace Charity Event-We will be holding an event to support children in need. With support from Sleep and Heavenly Peace Charity, you can build bunk beds for children in need.

Elderly Check-Ins-Check in with elderly veterans. Help them with basic food and health needs, or just an ear to listen if someone needs to talk.

Craft with a Vet-Members of Post 9972 will set up at the Mall of Sierra Vista for a community event. Kids will be able to come "Craft with a Vet" and create popsicle stick flags, necklaces and bracelets in red, white and blue in preparation of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day Service and Free Lunch- Hold a Memorial Day service and after the Service, have your Post provide a free lunch followed by an afternoon of local musical entertainment and games.

Choir Performance and Dinner- Partner with the local High School and have their choir perform at the post. Afterward, you can provide members and their families with a good meal and a good visit with others who attended.

Food Drive and Veterans Outreach- Hold a food drive for Veterans in need and hold a taco dinner for homeless veterans living in the area.

Honor Our Fallen Heroes- Partner with Wreaths Across America
<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>.

Assistance with Writing Claims-Have your Post help write claims for anyone who needs help, you can also help them navigate the red tape and CFR.

BBQ and Raffle- Have a free barbecue with hot dogs, brats, and soda. And throw in a raffle.

Gun Club Clean Up Day- Hold a clean-up event at the local gun club shooting area, also make repairs to the site.

Paint the American Legion Building- Hold an event to paint or beautify the local American Legion building in your area. Volunteers from the Post and the community will purchase all of the supplies for the project and paint and clean the building together.

Disaster Relief- Provide disaster relief and recovery.

Building and Installing Raised Flower Beds- Gather volunteers from your Post to build and install raised flower beds for the local Veterans' Home. W

Health Day Fair and Anti-Fentanyl Education- Throw a two-day Health Fair with county and state VA officials. adding in a monthly anti-fentanyl education in schools, the library, and on public television.

Community Car Show- Hold a community car show to get to know the communities around you. Use this time to introduce our VFW Post further. Highlighting veterans, promoting community involvement (Military Vehicle Association, Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, JROTC, car clubs, schools, and local businesses), recruit new members, raise funds, and have fun. Additionally, you could have a tent with military equipment (uniforms, helmets, etc.).

Memorial Day Events- Hold a Countywide Memorial Day event to honor all who have sacrificed for our freedom. The program participants include members from every veterans' organization, municipality, and county High School's JR ROTCs. Share info about your Post.

Care Packages for Guard Members-We are putting together care packages for our deployed guard members.

Student Program. Post...t.er with the school system to sponsor a student program to make poppies and place them in front of the school with a sign to honor the fallen.

Veterans Open House- Hold a Veterans Open House with multiple veterans' organizations to ensure VSOs, State Veterans organizations, and the VFW are available for anyone needing assistance and to answer any questions.

Volunteer for Childhood Cancer Foundation- Volunteer at the local Childhood Cancer Center in your area.

Veteran Buddy Check- Volunteers at the post can hold a Buddy Check and call local veterans. To ensure that they are remembered and asked about their needs. You can reach out by emailing, calling, or visiting them.

Grant Program Assisting Local Veterans- Engage with local veterans and homeless organizations. identify veterans who need help to appeal a negative VA decision or need help with discharge upgrades in order to qualify for VA benefits.

Pizza Night- Host a "Pizza Night" by purchasing and serving the pizza. Share info about your post and what you provide to the community.

Free Fishing Day for Kids- Hold a free fishing day and provide lunch to all in attendance. Provide fishing pools and tackle to those who need them. All kids participating can walk away with a participation trophy.

Veterans Salute- Hold a "Welcome Home" event for soldiers who never received the proper "Home Coming."

Armed Forces Day Picnic- Hold an Armed Forces Day Picnic. Join forces with an American Legion Post or another VFW and have an Armed Forces Day Picnic for all veterans and their families in your county and surrounding counties. You can have live entertainment, bouncy houses for the kids, and food. Have information booths set up for each organization on Veterans Helping Veterans, and deliver food to Veterans who are shut in.

Wildland Fire Safety - Hold a Wildland Fire Safety event partner with agencies and raise awareness on what individuals and communities can do to help protect themselves against the threat of wildfires.

Free Community Breakfast- Hold a community-sponsored complimentary breakfast for all veterans, veterans' spouses, and VFW Auxiliary Members. Then on a Friday Night from 6 pm - 8 pm host a Female Force Friday Dinner. Any female service member, past or present, and their family can join for a potluck meal.

Motorcycle Ride- Charity fundraiser Motorcycle Ride. Stop at various area VFWs.

Veteran Remembrance- Display uniforms at veteran remembrance events at schools, state and county fairs, veteran memorials, churches, etc.

Community Service Awards and Loyalty Day Dinner- Have a Community Service award ceremony with a Dinner. And have a guest speaker.

Spaghetti Dinner- Host a Spaghetti Dinner for the public and funds raised can go to a local food bank,

Post Clean Up Day and More- Hold a Post Cleanup Day and collect cans of food to send to the local Food Bank to support homeless veterans. Also, provide Buddy Checks on our Veterans to ensure they are all safe.

Placing Welcome Signs - We are putting up a sign welcoming people to our county.

Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran Event - Host a Welcome Home event for Vietnam Veterans.

Free Lunch - Free lunch for veterans in your area

Post Beatification, Food Drive, and Veteran Outreach - Perform building beatification, hold a mobile food drive, and provide veteran outreach.

Clean Up, Food Bank, and Flag Planting - Find a vet in need of help around the house. Raise can goods for a food bank, place flags on graves of veterans.

Yoga and Breathwork- Find a local Yoga teacher and have them come to the Post and put on a workshop for veterans on how to calm the nervous system, giving them tools to work through PTSD situations.

Horse Therapy for Veterans- Contact <https://vetsct.org/> or <https://www.warhorsesforveterans.org/> to have an event.

Pin Up Girl Contest- Have a Pin Up Girl Contest at your Post and have food to raise money to a local charity.

Volunteer at a Veterans Hospice House- Spend time with veterans who are on hospice.