

COMMUNITY SERVICE

1 JULY 2024 - 30 JUNE 2025



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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 Warand
- performed for an organizationoutside the VFWand its Auxiliaries and
- must be verifiedby 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- unless it is performed for the entire community.

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

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 delay until the end of the reporting year.

Online report is found on our website: VFWSC.ORG

YEAR	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 *	2021-22	2-22-23	2023-24
STATE COMMANDER	BILL HAVLIN	HARRY McFADDEN	JOHN SULLIVAN	ROB'T HOLSCLOW	TED TUFTS	DWIGHT HORA	ED STEFANAK	JIM FOX
VOLUNTEER HOURS	57021	40641	56374	30102	20290	27071	36260	39,467 hrs
VALUE OF HOURS	1,376,487	1,003,426	1,433,591	765,494	551,898	736,337	1,153,067	\$1,255,058
DOLLARS DONATED	408,213	373,287	401,617	253,431	217,040	437,101	426,232	\$577,088.83
TOTAL	1,784,700	1,376,713	1,835,208	1,018,925	768,939	1,173,438	1,579,298	\$1,832,146.42
PERCENT CHANGE		-23	33	-44	-25	53	35	
from previous year					* covid year			

CS Report Form for Individual Comrades

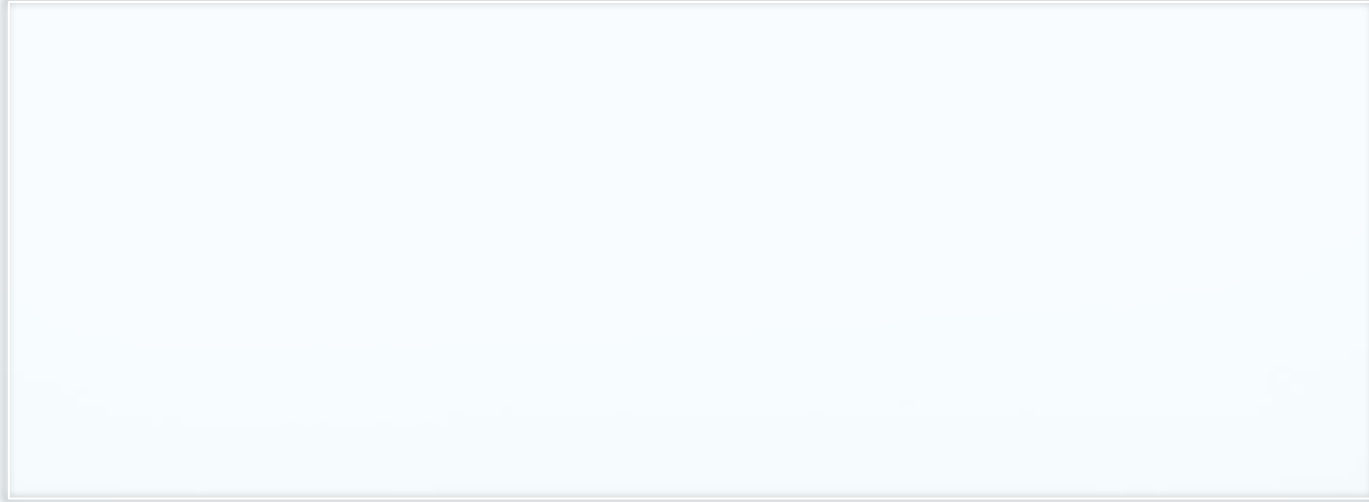
Suggestions:

-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)

CS Report for Individual Comrades



SUMMARY

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTING IS IMPORTANT!

It's the essence of what the VFW stands for! We take care of veterans!

MONTHLY REPORTS are expected for EVERY Post in the Department

CS REPORTING is a criteria for the award of "All State" for your Post

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

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Have a great 20242025 VFW year!