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### **Community Service Update – Continuing the Work Together**

A new year gives us a chance to refocus, but our Community Service work never really pauses. The needs of veterans, families, and our communities continue through every season, and the work being done by our members—both seen and unseen—matters more than ever.

Community Service isn't about big projects alone. It's about showing up, staying consistent, and doing what we can with the time we have. Every card written, every donation made, every hour volunteered makes someone's day a little easier—and that impact reaches further than we often realize.

### **Community Service Projects to Continue**

- Supporting local food shelves and meal programs as winter needs increase
- Veteran outreach through cards, visits, phone calls, and wellness check-ins
- Collecting and distributing winter items such as coats, hats, mittens, and socks
- Assisting veterans and seniors with winter challenges when possible
- Partnering with schools, shelters, and youth programs for seasonal drives
- Tracking volunteer hours and donations for Community Service reporting

Members are encouraged to take part at whatever level works for them. Whether it's an hour, an afternoon, or simply spreading the word, every effort counts.

### **American Legion Family Day – Local Post & Unit Planning**

American Legion Family Day is organized at the individual Post and Unit level, giving each location the flexibility to design an event that fits their community. Family Day is a chance to strengthen connections, welcome new faces, and show what the American Legion Family is all about.

Planning ideas to consider:

- Selecting a date and location that works best for your Post or Unit
- Coordinating with Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and Junior members
- Planning activities that are welcoming to all ages
- Including a simple service project that benefits veterans or the local community
- Organizing food, refreshments, or a potluck-style meal
- Assigning small committees to share responsibilities

### **Why Community Service Matters**

Community Service is the heart of the Auxiliary's mission. It builds trust, creates connection, and reminds veterans and families that they are not alone. It also strengthens our own bonds as members, giving purpose to what we do together.

No act of service is too small. When many people do a little, the results are powerful. Your involvement—however big or small—helps carry forward the Auxiliary's promise of service, support, and compassion.

Thank you for continuing to serve, to care, and to make a difference in your community every single day.