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COMMUNITY SERVICE

March/April 2019

The American Legion auxiliary community service program promotes visibility in our local communities. The community service program also promotes and follows the American Legion auxiliary Mission to take care of veterans, active duty service members and their families. We are all asked to continue to promote the community service mission and the programs within our local units and within our communities.

We need to remember that the American Legion auxiliary community service program emphasis should be on our veterans and our active duty service members along with their families.

*Every problem that the country faces is being solved in some community by some group or some individual. The question is how to get connected so that the whole nation can solve problems. A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens – citizens in the fullest sense; partners in civilization.

President George H.W. Bush
Founder, Points of Light

*March 2019 is *Community Service month*

* *April 7 - 13 National volunteer week*

National Volunteer Week, powered by Points of Light, is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to come together to tackle tough challenges, and build stronger, more resilient communities. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

Another part of the American Legion auxiliary community service program is to promote our visibility outside in our communities. We need to remember to wear our American Legion auxiliary apparel and pins. We have been hearing a lot about “branding” for the American Legion auxiliary in the last few years, that means we need to be seen! We need to volunteer and to organize our American Legion auxiliary days of service and our national Day of service. We also need to promote and volunteer during our community service month which is March 2019. This program also recognizes several different community service programs at each level in the American Legion auxiliary unit, district and department levels. This also includes our junior volunteer of the year award. We need to make our presence known! We need to flood Facebook Instagram Twitter and even YouTube with our community service programs and what we do

within our communities volunteering to help our veterans, active duty service members and their families!

Share Your Passion: Participate in the #ivolunteer Campaign

We want to know: What inspires you to serve? During National Volunteer Week (April 7-13) share on Instagram or Twitter using #ivolunteer

You can represent the American Legion auxiliary as a member of the local community board or a local committee member. You can represent the American Legion auxiliary by attending and representing us at special celebrations and events throughout the community. You can represent the American Legion auxiliary by volunteering with your local meals on wheels program. You can represent the American Legion auxiliary when you volunteer at your local VA and remember to always wear your American legion auxiliary apparel so that everyone knows how proud you are to be a member of this great organization.

The American Legion auxiliary community service program is all about working together and making a difference for our veterans, their families and our communities. Please remember that end of year reports are coming up quickly. Please, let's have 100% reporting for community service! Each and everyone of us does something every day, or on most days, for our community, our veterans and their families.

I want to thank each and everyone of you for all the hard work that you have done and that you continue to do.

May God bless you, God Bless our veterans and God Bless the United States of America.

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