

## **American Legion Auxiliary**

#### **Department of Idaho**

### **Community Service Report 2024**

Unit #	Ur	nit official name	City
Individual w	ho is reporti	ng	<del></del>
Please repor year:	rt the total n	umber of memb	pers, the total hours, and the total funds expended this
Did your Un	it sponsor:		
Day	of Service (S	uggested on 9/1	11 or on Martin Luther King's holiday)
Bloo	d Drive		
Stan	d Down		
Other	community	service event	
Members	Hours	Funds	
			Volunteer at a community event
			Volunteer at public shelter
			Assist with a Creative Arts Festival
			Participate in a Day of Service
			Serve on a Community Coalition
			Other

Narrative: Please describe the activities your members participate in individually or as a Unit to promote Patriotism and support for veterans in your community. Include PICTURES!

# **Creating a Patriotic Community**

## Idaho Community Service Program 2024

The purpose of the Community Service Program is to promote the Auxiliary commitment to making our communities better places to live by promoting and supporting local service projects.

Units are encouraged to partner with other organizations for Community Outreach. Units might host community events that promote patriotism, raise community awareness about local issues, hold veterans support events, or organize a service day to benefit the community or veterans.

Examples of events that have been accomplished are:

- Creative Arts festival for all veterans to display their craft
- Back to School Bash, Easter egg hunt, holiday themed party for military or underprivileged children and families
- Blood drive
- Stand down
- Job fair
- 9/11 Event or Martin Luther King Day of service
- 5K Freedom Walk to benefit local veteran related causes
- Distribute Blue Star Banners to families of active servicemen and women

The American Legion Auxiliary is partnering with the **Community Blueprint Network** to build community support for military families and veterans. This national project is a coalition of over 55 organizations including the Auxiliary and is administered by Points of Light. Consider checking out their website to build or participate in a local coalition.

**Community Forces** is another national effort to support veterans and servicemen/women. To determine if your area has an established Community Force visit the *Joining Community Forces* website. This site will give you state information and allow you to join forces with the network.

As Community Service chairman, I encourage you to "step out of your comfort zone" and consider hosting or participating in one of the projects listed above. Working together in our communities we can make them Better Places to Live!

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