

## Community Service

2010-2011

Community Service is defined as “An act by a person or organization that benefits the local community.” As the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW we do this everyday in so many different ways. In fact, just about everything an Auxiliary does for those not connected to the Auxiliary itself or the VFW, can be reported as a Community Service Project. These projects can be done jointly with the VFW or other community groups, *but must be voted on and approved in an Auxiliary meeting and recorded in the minutes BEFORE doing the projects.*

Just a reminder-any Community Service Project that your auxiliary has done since May 1, 2010 is reportable for the 2010-2011 year. I am sure every Auxiliary had done something for the community in the last 3 months, so it is possible that Ohio could be 100% participated now! Fill out the Community Service portion of the Department Program Report form and mail it in to Mary Miller, this year's Program Coordinator. To be considered for an award, fill out the Community Service portion of the report form and send it to me along with any flyers, photos, newspaper articles, or anything else that shows and explains your project. Do not forget to complete the last portion of the form that shows the number of projects, hours worked, members participating, and amount of money spent. This information is extremely important.

### Community Service:

Make a Difference Day-October 23, 2010 ([www.makeadifferenceday.org](http://www.makeadifferenceday.org)) or you can get other ideas from the Points of Light Foundation ([www.pointsoflight.org](http://www.pointsoflight.org)).

The Veterans Oral History Project ([www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets))

America Supports you ([www.americasupportsyoudotmil](http://www.americasupportsyoudotmil))

For some ideas on community preparedness, check out the Dept of Homeland Security's Citizen Corp website ([www.citizencorp.gov](http://www.citizencorp.gov))

## **Community Involvement:**

Beautification/Cleanup

Recycling

## **Teamwork with other organizations:**

Other Veteran or Patriotic organizations

Other Community Service Organizations

Local Government    Military Unit-Family Readiness Groups

To find ideas on projects to do with youth [www.dosomething.org](http://www.dosomething.org)

## **Aid to Others:**

Hospitalized Veterans    Other hospitals, nursing homes, or Assisted Living facilities

Seniors in need    Local families in need

## **School and Church Events:**

Teacher Awards    Visiting Schools, educating youth    Church events

## **Safety:**

You can get pamphlets (maybe) from you local Police and Fire Departments on

Child or Home safety.    Drug Awareness    Firearm Safety    CPR classes

Highway/Recreational Safety    Fraud prevention    Boating safety

Your AAA can give you information on bicycle safety

Other helpful websites recommended by the National Director

[www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

[www.vfwdepartmentresources.org](http://www.vfwdepartmentresources.org)

[www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org)

*Checkpoint Newsletter* (subscribe through VFW Headquarters)

There are so many different things that your auxiliary can do to become **United by Love for Our Veterans and Country**. In these tough economic times, you don't have to look

very hard to find someone in need.

I can't wait to see all of the wonderful work Ohio does From The Clouds Above To The Ocean Floor as you *"Serve Our Veterans Evermore"*

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## Awards

### Mid Winter:

Citation to all Auxiliaries participating in Community Service by Dec. 31,2010

### June Convention:

Citation to all Auxiliaries participating in Community Service Program

Award in each membership group to the Auxiliary with the best promotion of national service events through Points of Light, Citizen Corps or Make A Difference Day.

Award in each membership group to the Auxiliary with the best promotion of the Veterans Oral History Project.

Award in each membership group to the Auxiliary with the best overall promotion of the Community Service Program.

Award to the District Chairman with the best overall promotion of the Community Service Program.

Award to the Junior Girls Unit with the most unique Community Service Project.