2023 - 2024 Community Service Bulletin Department of Oregon Mid – Year Reports Due by December 15th 2023 Year – End Reports Due by May 1st 2024

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The Community Service Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's visibility within our localities through our community, State and Nation. Making our communities better places in which to live is something Auxiliary members strive for each day across this country.

What can you do?

Become visible within your community, Get involved in Community Service projects. Bringing awareness of our mission to support Veterans, Service Members, their families and community.

Get involved in your neighborhood by volunteering at the local, Food Pantry, Library, Nursing Homes, Domestic Violence Shelter, Senior Citizen Centers, and Assisted Living Centers.

Attend and represent the Auxiliary at special community celebrations and events.

See the National Auxiliary Community Service Website at ALAforveterans.org.

Department Awards: Reports due to Department Chairman by May 1st 2024

PDP Mary Larson Award - To the Unit with membership of 151 or more

The winner will be chosen by a committee of three judges appointed by the Department Community Service Chairman. The entry must be typewritten, in narrative form and may include newspaper clippings and other displays. The report must include the Unit Name and number, President Name and Name of the Unit Community Service Chairman.

<u>Best Community Service Award</u> – To the Unit with membership of 150 or less The winner will be chosen by a committee of three judges appointed by the Department Community Service Chairman. The entry must be typewritten, in narrative form and may include newspaper clippings, pictures and other displays. The report must include the Unit Name and number, President Name and Name of the Unit Community Service Chairman.

PDP Lois Peterson Community Service Award

The entry must be typewritten in narrative form with the heading "Community Service Project", including the Unit Name and number, President Name and Unit Community Service Chairman name. Entry to pertain to this Community Service Project only, Judging scores will be based on: 70% most outstanding Community Service Project. 30% Newspaper publication on project. Should be attached to paper on back of entry. Judging to be done by Community Service Department Chairman or 3 judges appointed by Department Community Service Chairman if conflict of interest could exist.

ALA Suggested Days of Service

9-11 National Day of Service and Remembrance (observed annually on September11) Make A Difference Day (observed on the fourth Saturday of October) Veterans Day (observed annually on November 11) Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service (observed the third Monday of January) National Volunteer Week (usually the third week in April)

Mid - Year Questions: Due to Department Chairman by December 15 th 2023
Did your Unit participate in a local, State or National Veterans Day Event? If so which one?
Did you wear your Auxiliary pins and or accessories?
Does your Unit have plans for community events on other ALA suggested Days of Service?
If yes which ones
Year – End Questions: Due to Department Chairman by May 1st 2024
Did your Unit members volunteer for or organize Community Service Projects for any ALA Suggested Days of Service? If so which ones and which one was the most successful?
What other types of Community Service activities and/or projects were done by your Unit?
Total volunteers that helped with Community Service?
Total Hours volunteered for Community Service by your Unit?
Total money donated to Community Service Projects from your Unit?
Total money spent for Community Service projects by your Unit?
Total In Kind Donations given to local Community Service projects?