

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

DEPARTMENT POLICY - COMMUNITY SERVICE

Read the "Department Policy- All Chairmen".

1. Community Service is involvement in activities which improve conditions and help build stronger communities.
2. Each community has its own individual needs and Units should be encouraged to work with their Post and local authorities to determine what the specific needs are in their area. The Unit should then decide which project(s) they will support and to what extent.
3. Initiate, cooperate, but do not duplicate is the watchword of the American Legion Auxiliary in Community Service. Urge Units to cooperate with other groups but never duplicate the efforts of others.
4. Urge Units to have members submit their hours of Community Service and Monies contributed for mid-year and year end reports. Complete a written report of the activities they have held in their communities. You will need this information for the National mid-year (if required) and year-end reports.
5. Urge Units to complete at least one Community Service project each year.
6. Units should be encouraged to publicize their Community Service work – Let others know.

PROJECTS

If the Department President and/or National Chairman do not select a specific Community Service Project, projects could be undertaken by the Units in any of the following areas:

BEAUTIFY AMERICA -Clean up, paint, plant trees, shrubs

BLOOD DRIVES -Have a Blood Donor Day at Post Homes

FUND RAISERS - Assist in Fund Raisers that will benefit the unit's communities

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH - Halloween parties, Youth Centers

SAFETY- In our homes - streets – neighborhoods, use seat belts

SENIOR CITIZENS - Visit those in Nursing Homes, sponsor parties on special days, adopt someone in a Nursing Home who has no one - remember them on special days

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - Volunteer labor and donate construction supplies