

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM
2025-2026**

**** **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Community Service program is to promote the ALA'S commitment to making our communities better places to live by supporting local service projects and creating our own.

STANDING RULES #6 NATIONAL COMMITTEES MISSION OUTREACH

What is community service? What does it mean to you? How can the Auxiliary have a successful Community Service program?

IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS:

Find new and creative ways to promote and do community service in your community. Continue to use what works but think outside of the box for fresh new ideas.

Some ideas to consider----

VOLUNTEER-

Homeless shelters

Community Swimming Pools

SUICIDE CRISIS LINES

Boys and Girls Clubs

Animal Shelters

Habitat for Humanity

START OR VOLUNTEER

Community Gardens

Recycling Program

Food Banks

County Veteran Services (providing needed items)

Help Veteran's caregivers time to shop or run errands (stay with the veteran)

Facilitate theme-related events (Easter Egg Hunt, Holiday-event with gifts for military and underprivileged children)

OTHER IDEAS

Become a mentor

Deliver MEALS ON WHEELS

Teach Tech Skills to the elderly (Retirement Home)

Supplies for Child Protect Service

Host a "Holiday of Heroes" (could be: meal, blankets, or gloves)

Partnering with women's shelter (providing items needed)

OBSERVE AND PARTICIPATE IN

911 National Day of Service

Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service

American Legion Family Day

***** WATCH FOR HELPFUL HINTS IN OUR NEWS LETTER ON HOW TO EXECUTE THESE PROJECTS**

10 STEPS FOR STARTING A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

1-- Find out what is needed in your Community

2-- See what you have the ability to do.

3—Choose a Project

4—Develop a plan

5-- Recruit your volunteers

6—Make a budget

7—Make a timeline

9—Get Publicity

10—Do the Project

8—Raise money

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YEAR END REPORTS—

Annual reports reflect the program work of the units in our Department and may result in District, Division and Department awards for participates. The top program report will be forward to National.

Pictures are allowed, please submit as attachment to narratives, format for submission and follow national guidelines (see National website)

DEPARTMENT AWARDS—

A Department award will be given to the Units with the best narrative report according to the award Units size. This way even our smaller units have an opportunity to receive an award

Unit size breakdown---

Small unit -10-50 members

Medium unit-- 51-99 members

Large unit-- 100-200 members

X-large unit- 201 plus

DEADLINES/IMPORTANT DATES

Unit Reports due to Department Committee Chairman by May 1, 2026

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