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Department of Nevada
Veterans of Foreign Wars



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2021 - 2022
Community Service
Program

- 1) The 2021-2022 Community Service Program runs from 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022 and has the goal to document how our Posts and its Auxiliary's excel in aiding the community, veterans, youth, and our military. Each Post is responsible to appoint a community services chairman to administer the program. If there is not one appointed, the Post Commander is responsible for implementation and reporting of the program to the Department. The program is administered by the Department Community Services Chairman.
- 2) Reporting of a Posts Community Service events with its breakout of individuals, hours, donations, mileage, and description of the event is necessary for IRS (Internal Revenue Service) and VFW National reporting requirements. To assist with reporting, a web-based reporting tool has been developed and is available on the Department website www.vfwnv.com behind the members only login. A tutorial for the Community Service Reporting tool is on the Department website under the **Programs>Community Service** Tab.
 - a) Reporting of your Community Service events is completed by using the online Entry Form. This entry form is the only method used for the community service chairman to enter their community service events into the system.
 - b) Your activity must be entered within 30 days after the event. After this period, the system will not accept your entry.
 - i) **Community Service Program Participation** – Community Service participation is determined by VFW National by the following metric – Community Service Hours x Volunteer Hourly Rate (currently at \$27.20) + Post Donations = Total. The Department will provide all Posts with total hours, donations and community service total accomplished on a weekly basis on the Department website. Posts will be required to increase their community service total by 10% as compared to the previous year to qualify for All-State or All-American status.

(1) Posts that had a \$9,090.00 or less in community service for the 2020-21 year are required to participate with a minimum of a total of \$10,000.00 of community service this year.
- 3) There are multiple awards programs that Posts are eligible for during the year. These include –
 - a) **National Outstanding Community Service Post Award** – This award is presented by VFW National Headquarters to the Outstanding Post in Nevada selected by the Department. Selection by the Department will occur shortly after April 1, 2022 as this award is due to National in April of each year. The following criteria is utilized for selection by the Community Services Chair for recommendation to the Department Commander:

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1. High positive visibility in the community with civic and patriotic events
2. Active involvement with local military units
3. Support of VFW programs in the local community
4. Effective involvement in schools with scholarship programs and teacher awards to include Veterans in the Classroom.
5. Effective Buddy Poppy Program

The below scoring matrix example from 20-21 entries below will be used to score the selection for the National Outstanding Community Service Post Award –

Category	Initial Pts	POST				
		2350	3396	10054	12093	8336
Visibility in community w/civic and patriotic events - (Use Total from CS Report)	40	37	38	40	36	39
Active involvement with local military units	5	4	5	1	3	2
Support of VFW programs in the local community	30	29	30	28	27	26
Scholarship programs and Teacher awards	15	14	15	13	12	11
Effective Buddy Poppy Program	10	9	10	7	8	6
	100	93	98	89	86	84

Scoring criteria explanation for above categories:

1. **Visibility in community w/civic and patriot events (use Total from CS Report).** This will be the initial scoring criteria to determine the top 5 posts. The five highest total posts using the formula – miles x National volunteer labor hour rate + Donations = Total. The top five Posts will be ranked from 1 to 5 with the top post (1) awarded 40 points and (5) awarded 36 points. This scoring system will apply to the rest of the categories, but the points will be set as shown above.
 2. **Active involvement with local military units.** This category will be used to evaluate how posts are involved with our military. While we are wishing to support our local military units through the use of the Adopt-a-Unit program, posts will be evaluated for any support given to military units and personnel deployed.
 3. **Support of VFW programs in the local community.** This is where posts are evaluated on how they are supporting all other VFW programs in the community. From providing cemetery services like honor guards, to supporting veterans with food banks, there are many ways a post can support the community. This is only limited to the imagination of the post.
 4. **Scholarship programs and Teacher Awards.** Posts will be evaluated by how they place and participate in the VOD, Patriot Pen, and Teacher of the Year programs.
 5. **Effective Buddy Poppy Program.** Posts will be evaluated on how they are participating in the Buddy Poppy program, to include the purchase of Buddy Poppies and number of events.
- b) **Department Community Service Awards.** Methodology used to determine award winners will consist of the Total Dollars value for each category as of 30 April 2022.
1. Community Service Post Award – This award is presented to the Post who had the highest total dollar value. Post award is \$200.00. The Post will receive a Certificate of Achievement.

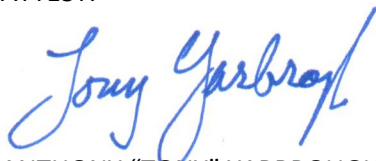
2. Veterans and Military Service Post Award – This award is presented to the Post who had the highest total dollar value. Post award is \$200.00. The Post will receive a Certificate of Achievement.
3. Youth Activities Post Award – This award is presented to the Post who had the highest total dollar value. Post award is \$100.00. The Post will receive a Certificate of Achievement.
4. All-State Program – Community Service is an integral part of the All-State program. Without an effective Community Service program, it is nearly impossible to make All-State. Each Post Commander and Post Community Service Chair should be familiar with the Department All-State Program and how the Community Service program is such an important part of your Post programs.
5. The Department Community Service Chair is Carlton Fogg, community@vfwnv.com, 702-809-6403.

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