



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**  
**Department of Ohio**

**2010-2011**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
**PLAN OF ACTION**

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**REPORT DUE : May 1, 2011**

**SEND REPORT TO : Your District Community Service Chairman**  
**(address on back of this page)**



**High on Patriotism**  
**Linda Close**  
**2010-2011 Department President**

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

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CONGRATULATIONS to each of the District and Unit Chairman for the acceptance of Community Service for your program. “The Power of One” is our National President’s theme this year, and “High on Patriotism” is Department Linda’s theme for the 2010-2011 administrative year. I’d like to see all 14 Districts reporting this year on what you and your units have accomplished in the community.

**Our purpose** is to mobilize The American Legion Family, the Veteran and military community, and the general population of the community to provide service directed to veterans, active duty service members, and their families.

## OBJECTIVES

**1. OBJECTIVE** – Develop, implement and monitor community service activities that aid veterans, active duty service members and their families.

### **Action Steps:**

- a. Invite them to your post home, organize a community wide Day of Service to aid and assist veterans, help them around their homes with chores.
- b. Assist and promote a “Standdown” in your community and help aide in placing Homeless Veterans with shelter and food.
- c. Encourage Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service that relates to our veterans and to military families of deployed troops.
- d. Volunteer or be part of a Job/Career Fair and help our returning soldiers or a family member secure employment.

### **Key dates to know:**

- Auxiliary-recognized National Days of Service for 2010-2011
- 9/11 National Day of Service (September 11, 2011)
- Make a Difference Day (October 23, 2010)
- National Family Volunteer Day (November 20, 2010)
- Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service (January 17, 2011)
- National and Global Youth Service Day (April 15-17, 2011)
- National Volunteer Week (April 17-23, 2011)

### **Top three activities that support our mission or stated objectives:**

- Promote a “Day of Service Activity”
- Use creative ways to help our Homeless Veterans
- Dedicate yourselves to understanding the needs and wants of our Veterans, their families, and the community as a whole.

**Where to turn for more information:**

ww.mlkday.gov  
www.acsim.army.mil/community  
Any Veterans Community website.

Remember, you need not have a lot of money to help our servicemen and women, or their families. A card, a call, or a simple kind word, goes a long way. Pick up your Buckeye Messenger when it arrives, or read an article in The National News from the American Legion Auxiliary. Better yet, ask your members for their input, you would be surprised at the ideas.

**AWARDS**

**DEPARTMENT**

**ANNA MAE BECKLEY PLAQUE** - A plaque will be presented to the Unit for the best all-around Community Service Program. Unit activities must be during the 2010-2011 administrative year. Entry must be in narrative form not to exceed 1,000 words. The name of the Department and Unit name and address and a completed copy of the annual report form must also be included. Send to Department Chairman, Cheryl Cox, PO Box 174, Hamden, Ohio 45634-0174 by the May 1, 2011 deadline. Winner will be submitted to the Division Chairman for further consideration.

**MARY PARKER PLAQUE** - A plaque will be presented to the Unit with the most outstanding single Community Service activity during the 2010-2011 administrative year. Entry must be in narrative form not to exceed 1,000 words. The name of the Department and Unit name and address and a completed copy of the annual report form must also be included. Send to Department Vice Chairman, Pamela Brenneman, 1467 Gage Road, Toledo, Ohio 43612-4012 by the May 1, 2011 deadline. Winner will be submitted to the Division Chairman for further consideration.

**SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY PLAQUE** - A plaque will be presented to the Unit with the best narrative on a Community Service project involving the Unit and other organizations. Entry must be in narrative form not to exceed 1,000 words. The name of the Department and Unit name and address and a completed copy of the annual report form must also be included. Send to Department Vice Chairman, Pamela Brenneman, 1467 Gage Road, Toledo, Ohio 43612-4012 by the May 1, 2011 deadline.

**BEST ANNUAL (green) REPORT AWARD** - The District Chairmen will judge the Annual Report. There will be one winner in each Membership Category based on goal. Deadline to District Chairmen is May 1,2011. The District Chairmen will forward the 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner in each Membership Category to the Department Chairman.

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES – BASED ON GOAL, NOT ACTUAL MEMBERS PAID**

Group 1	10-50	Group 2	51-100	Group 3	101-200
Group 4	201-400	Group 5	401-600	Group 6	601 & Up

## **NARRATIVE RULES:**

1. Title page (Page 1) must include:
  - a. Name of Department (Ohio).
  - b. Name and Number of Unit.
  - c. District Number.
  - d. Unit Chairman's Name.
  - e. Unit Chairman's Address.
2. All entries must be typewritten, double spaced.
3. Narrative not to exceed 1,000 words. All words counted, including "a", "the", "etc".
4. A copy of the Annual (green) Report Form must be included.
5. No pictures, clippings, or bulletins are to be included.
6. All entries should be in a folder or binder.
7. Deadline for all narratives is May 1,2011.

## **NATIONAL**

**SENIOR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD** - A senior member from the Central Division will be awarded \$100.00 for her outstanding volunteer service during the 2010-2011 administrative year in one or more of the activities emphasized in the Plan of Action. The application must be completed with the required certification and a narrative of 300-500 words, completed by the entrant. Entry must be sent to Department Chairman, Cheryl Cox, PO Box 174, Hamden, Ohio 45634-0174 by May 1,2011 deadline.

**JUNIOR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD** - A junior member from the Central Division will be award \$50.00 and a certificate for outstanding volunteer service during the 2010-2011 administrative year in one or more of the activities emphasized in the Plan of Action. The application must be completed with the required certification and a narrative of not more than 250 words, completed by the entrant. Entry must be sent to Department Chairman, Cheryl Cox, PO Box 174, Hamden, Ohio 45634-0174 by May 1,2011 deadline.

**DEPARTMENT AWARD** - An award will be presented to the Department Community Service Chairman in each Division with the most outstanding overall promotion of the Community Service Program during the 2010-2011 administrative year. Entry must include at least two of the designated areas of special emphasis. Entry must be in a narrative form not to exceed 1,000 words and must include a completed copy of the annual report form. All entries must be postmarked by June 1, 2011 and sent to the Division Chairman.

**UNIT AWARD** - An award will be presented to the Unit in each Division with the best overall activities for Community Service during the 2010-2011 administrative year. Entry must include at least one of the designated areas of special emphasis. Entry must be in narrative form not to exceed 1,000 words. The name of the Department and Unit name and address and a completed copy of the annual report form must also be included. All entries must be postmarked by June 1, 2011 and sent to the Division Chairman.