

# Community Service

2009-2010 Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Auxiliary  
National President's Theme: Reconnect and Energize!

Plan of Action: Community Service Committee

Purpose: To strengthen our local communities with uniquely identified opportunities of service, by providing volunteer leadership, encouraging the stewardship of its patriotic citizens, acknowledging our country's military history, and supporting the families who have sacrificed for our freedom.

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## National-level Objectives

1. **Objective:** To work with the National Security Committee to schedule one Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer course in each department to prepare our members to act as an emergency management resource.

### Action Steps

- a. Encourage units to partner with community organizations such as Neighborhood Watch groups to help mobilize volunteers through training.
  - b. Customize CERT Training to meet the specific demographic and hazards of the community.
  - c. Utilize Post Homes for training sites.
  - d. Contact local media: tv, radio, and newspapers announcing training sessions.
2. **Objective:** Encourage Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service that relates to service to our veterans and to military families of deployed troops.

### Action Steps

- a. Partner with other organizations to promote activities to build community responsibility.
  - b. Prepare and distribute information relating to MLK Day.
  - c. Contact media to publicize activities promoting community service.
  - d. Utilize Junior members' vitality; provide recognition award.
3. **Objective:** Collaborate with the Army's Community Covenant Program

### Action Steps

- a. Encourage unit participation in ceremonies to honor service personnel and their families.
- b. Partner with other service organizations in the community to provide refreshments for ceremonies.
- c. Contact media: tv, radio, and newspapers promoting Welcome Home events.
- d. Utilize Post Homes and grounds for ceremonies.
- e. Increase awareness of the Army's Community Covenant Program.

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## To be filled out by Department Chairman:

Department Goals relating to above. Should have no more than three department-level goals supporting the National objectives outlined above. Department Chair - please share these with your Committee and forward a copy to your National Chairman. (This process does not need national approval.)

### 1. Objective:

#### Action Steps

a.

### 2. Objective:

#### Action Steps

a.

### 3. Objective:

#### Action Steps

a.

## Programs

1. **Serving Communities and Making a Difference:** Partnering with local organizations and groups to identify the needs of communities and work together to make a difference.
2. **Promote Community Involvement:** Reaching out to community members to promote American Legion Auxiliary programs and activities – letting them know who we are and what we do.

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## Community Service Awards

1. 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 2009-2010 administrative year. **Entry must include at least two of the designated areas of special emphasis.** Entry must be in 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, 2010, and sent to the Division Chairman.**
2. Unit Award  
An award will be presented to the unit in each division with the best overall activities for Community Service during the 2009-2010 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, 2010, and sent to the Division Chairman.**
3. Senior Volunteer of the Year Award  
A senior member from each division will be awarded \$100.00 for her outstanding volunteer service during the 2009-2010 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 must be completed by the entrant. **All unit entries must be postmarked by May 1, 2010, and sent to the Department Community Service Chairman. Each Department Chairman will select a winning entry and submit the entry to the Division Chairman by June 1, 2010.**
4. Junior Volunteer of the Year Award  
A Junior member from each division will be awarded \$50.00 and a certificate for her outstanding volunteer service during the 2009-2010 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 must be completed by the entrant. **All unit entries must be postmarked by May 1, 2010, and sent to the Department Community Service Chairman. Each Department Chairman will select a winning entry and submit the entry to the Division Chairman by June 1, 2010.**

## Resources

1. [www.mlkday.gov](http://www.mlkday.gov)
2. [www.acsim.army.mil/community\\_covenant](http://www.acsim.army.mil/community_covenant)
3. [www.citizencorps.gov/cert/](http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/)
4. [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org)

See program page on [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org) for additional resources