

COMMUNITY SERVICE & SAFETY RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service is an important priority in our country and a founding VFW tenet. The VFW has a rich tradition associated with community service; member volunteerism benefits education, the environment, health sciences and civic projects. How a Post interacts with its community determines the relevancy of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Working closely with other national organizations, the VFW annually reports over 14 million volunteer hours. *Almost anything that you do in your community is reportable. You're doing the work so report it and get the recognition.*

Post and District Chairman should refer to the National VFW website www.vfw.org Programs menu; click on Community Service and then review the VFW Affiliations listing.

Community Service materials are available from VFW Emblem and Supply, or by visiting www.vfwstore.org

HOW TO REPORT

**PLEASE NOTE NEW REPORTING FORM (visit our home page at www.vfwca.org or go to www.ca.vfwportal.net/) and enter your program reporting information.
PLEASE NOTE – FORM 12'S ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED**

AWARDS

Important! – To qualify for awards a Post must send a copy of the Program Reporting to the Department Chairman with all applicable attachments.

Awards, based on Chairman recommendation, will be presented in both categories at the State Convention as follows unless otherwise noted elsewhere in this guide:

- 1st Place (Post & District) will be awarded a plaque.
- 2nd and 3rd Place (Post & District) will be awarded a certificate.

SAFETY RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

The Safety Recognition Programs of the Veteran of Foreign Wars continues to provide and promote programs designed to safeguard our communities. This long-standing commitment to safety has grown through the years to include every possible program or event associated with safeguarding people. Be creative and develop a safety activity and REPORT all accomplishments on the Program Reporting Form-12.

The six basic categories in the National Program are as follows:

1. **HIGHWAY SAFETY:** Any activity intended to improve individual driving skills and awareness or activities associated with improving safety on our roadways.
2. **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY:** Any worthwhile activity intended to improve individual awareness and visibility or non-motorized vehicle riding skills, awareness and responsibility.
3. **RECREATIONAL SAFETY:** Any organized activity associated with improving the skills and responsibilities of those individuals who engage in a recreational activity.
4. **HOME/FIRE SAFETY:** Activities designed to promote and inform individuals within the community about protecting their homes, possessions and lives are reportable.
5. **DRUG AWARENESS:** Any program designed to inform and protect your community from the influence of substance abuse.
6. **RECOGNITION/OTHER:** A program to bring public recognition to the people of the community who spend their work day protecting lives and property. Recognizing the heroism/or safety achievements of individuals in the community. This category may be used to report an activity that does not fit any of the above categories.

Reportable activities include Disaster training, CPR/First Aid classes, providing assistance during a disaster, or setting up a disaster relief site equipped to house veterans and their families for at least a twenty-four (24) hour period in case of a major disaster.

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