ALA DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTION PLAN 2021

As Chairman of this Program I am looking for a narrative story about what you did, when you did it, and with whom did you do it with. I will also be looking for feedback on how it went. Did you do activities on one of the days of service (usual days off for the country)? How did it work? Did you have a success that led to helping more people or branching out to others? Did you have things you may want to work on?

The NWD Chairman had some great ideas that will help you get started:

1. You need to become visible within your community as a link to the veterans in your communities.

Members

- Reach out to ministers and first responders to find the veterans who need help. Keep a list of names handy to be ready to go.
- Wear the ALA brand clothing, hats, pins, etc. to advertise our organization wherever you go
- Get involved with neighbors and those outside our Legion family by volunteering at the library, food pantry, domestic violence center, senior citizen centers, assisted living centers and nursing homes. Represent the ALA by serving on boards and committees.
- Volunteer for Meals-On-Wheels on days they are closed Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Unit

- Assist in a Veteran's Day Program.
- Organize and participate in one of the ALA suggested days of service.
- Volunteer and participate in walks, special events, etc. Work with your Post Home to provide space to work on projects together.
- Attend and participate in special celebration events such as parades, grand openings at community facilities and leader recognitions.

Department

- Will assist Units and members with specific idea plans held at any of the places mentioned above.
- Will encourage members to be leaders in their communities by including photos and stories from the unit events in the Department.

2. Community Service Reporting

- Please report early and often to not forget any of the great things your unit is doing. NO December 15 REPORT REQUIRED!
- Year-End reporting is Due April 15, 2021 or before. Don't forget to add pictures and newspaper clippings to show your hard work.

3. Awards

- The National organization will give a member award who has the best program from each Department. They also have a unit award for the best community unit in each Department. Carefully fill out the cover sheet accordingly.
- I will be giving 1st, 2nd and 3rd places to the three sizes of units and a best overall report at Department Convention 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

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P.S. Reporting is welcome in E-mail or Snail-Mail.