



## COMMUNITY SERVICE



**DID YOU KNOW** that The American Legion Auxiliary's Community Service program has been a major outreach program of the Auxiliary since 1926? That is 90 years of Auxiliary members having many opportunities to promote our visibility within the communities where we live! It's a proven fact that those units who are very involved in community projects and events are highly successful. And unfortunately, those units who do very little in their community struggle to maintain interest and membership. What are some of the ways your unit members can help the communities we love and in which we live in 2016-2017?

**DID YOU KNOW** that it is very easy and there are lots of ways we can participate in the Auxiliary's Community Service programs? A good starting point would be to purchase matching shirts or vests with the American Legion Auxiliary's name or emblem for your unit members to wear while they volunteer. Help is always needed in our communities with local service projects and causes (such as walks, special events, etc.) Auxiliary members are always welcome at holiday parades and grand openings of community facilities. In this important election year, why not volunteer to drive senior citizens or veterans to the voting polls on November 8<sup>th</sup>? And our help is always needed and appreciated with year-round projects such as Meals on Wheels, donating items for local food pantries, assistance at blood drives, helping out with various tasks at domestic violence shelters, nursing homes, and assisted living centers. The possibilities are endless! And don't be shy about letting your community know about your activities. Take pictures and ask your local newspaper to print them along with an article.

By volunteering, we can express our creativity, share our wisdom and talent, gain new skills and insights, and meet new people. We can work with our unit and with new found friends to provide meaningful service to our community. Our Department President, Brenda Toppin, has selected for her theme this year "Let Your Light Shine". What better way to do this in our own communities by being visible and by providing meaningful service. Let's all work together and make 2016-2017 our best year yet...show your communities who we are, what we do, and why we matter!

**Your 2016-2017 Department Community Service Committee members are listed below.**

**Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or we can assist.**

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