

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### Fall Conference Remarks

November 5, 2022

Madam President White, Madam Western Division National Vice President Wallace, distinguished officers and our great Arizona members who serve their communities--good afternoon.

The National website informs us that Community Service is a major outreach program of the Auxiliary since 1926. From our American Legion Auxiliary Unit Guide Book, Revised in 2021, page 74, we learn that "Support of community service projects of The American Legion post is a first responsibility of the American Legion Auxiliary unit. In almost every American Legion project, there will be phases in which the post, unit, and squadron can work together as The American Legion Family. The unit may collaborate with other organizations on practical, worthwhile projects for community improvement, and ask for their cooperation with ALA projects as well."

This chairman hopes that many Arizona units assisted with school supply drives and with trick or treat events in your communities. With Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and the December holidays approaching, will your units be participating in parades and/or services? Are you planning to help your underprivileged community members and veterans and their families with donations of toiletries, socks, t-shirts, toys? Other areas in which our members can assist as community service volunteers include blood drives, emergency preparedness programs, first aid and CPR training, support for women shelters, and child safety programs.

The October bulletin listed the four awards for which units can work to receive: Carlotta Pace Community Service Award for all eligible units, Fred Hilburn Activities Plaque – units with membership of 151 and over, Sunnyslope Activities Plaque – unit with membership of 150 and under, and the Zeita M Johnson Memorial Plaque for all eligible units. Remember, to be an eligible unit, the unit must have ordered at least 100 poppies. Be sure to check the Department Awards Booklet for specific rules.

As always, please be sure to keep a record of your hours, costs, and mileage as you work your community service activities so that when you prepare your annual reports and narratives, you have the information needed.

This year's National Community Service Committee Chairman is Melanie Taylor from the Department of California, and it's a pleasure to announce that the Community Service Committee Western Division Chairman is our own PDP Yolanda Bonilla.

Looking forward to receiving all the annual reports and narratives from AZ units.

Rebecca Faris  
Chairman 2022-23

# COMMUNITY SERVICE UNIT CHAIRMAN 2022-2023

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**DUE DATE: 1 MAY 2023**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE  
2022-2023  
Year End Report Form**

Unit Chairman or President \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Membership as of report \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Project	# Hours	\$ Spent	# Miles Driven	# Pints
Adopt a Highway				
Assisting with Blood Drive(s)				
Donations of Blood				
Community Beautification				
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)				
Community Support for Troops				
Domestic Violence Centers				
Education/Teachers Weeks				
Food Banks				
Habitat for Humanity				
Homeless Shelters				
Individual Community Needs (list programs on back)				
Libraries				
Make a Difference Day				
Nursing Homes				
Recycling				
Schools				
Senior Citizen Centers				
Welcome Home Troops				
Youth Appreciation Week				
Other				

Include additional details on the back of this sheet or on a separate piece of paper.

Are you submitting a narrative? YES NO If yes, for which award? \_\_\_\_\_

Submit completed form (and narrative) by May 1, 2023 to:

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### CARLOTTA PACE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The merits of the Carlotta Pace award shall be based upon the National program for Community Service with the following rules applying in the Department of Arizona.

1. At least one project for community improvement in each Unit each year. Emphasis is to be given to projects completed with the American Legion Post of the Unit. (Projects may be in cooperation with other organizations or they may be done independently.)
2. All undertakings beneficial to the welfare of the community are to be appraised. The size of the Unit and community and conditions in the area must be considered. Any Unit regardless of size may compete for this plaque.
3. A narrative must be typewritten, not to exceed 1,000 words, on the accomplishments of "Our Unit" in community service. It must be on 8 ½ x 11 inch white paper and a fly leaf page must state: The Department of Arizona, the name, number, location and membership of the Unit, the name and address of the Unit Chairman.

THE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA ENTRY CAN INCLUDE newspaper clippings, pictures of the project and persons participating to illustrate the project.

THE ENTRY FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION CANNOT include newspaper clippings, pictures of the project, only the report form and narrative.

Keep the backup material totally separate of the narrative.

4. The Carlotta Pace Community Service Award shall NOT become the permanent property of any Unit at any time.
5. Unit entries shall be judged by the Department Chairman of Community Service and their committee, consisting of two (2) other persons interested and experienced in community undertakings. Reports and narrative must be in the hands of the Department Community Service Chairman by date specified by the Chairman.

6. SCORING:

A. Project completed with Post in one year.	30%
B. Project completed with other organizations.	20%
C. Project completed	10%
D. Best work and publicity coverage of program to Include improved education, health, recreation And safety	25%
E. Best overall report	15%

(Revised 1989)



## ZEITA M. JOHNSON MEMORIAL PLAQUE

To be awarded for outstanding Community Service to older citizens. Judging to be done by the Community Service Chairman and a committee of two appointed by the Community Service Chairman.

### RULES:

1. Any Unit in the Department of Arizona may receive this plaque.
2. This plaque shall become the permanent property of the Unit winning it for three consecutive years. The permanent winner will place another plaque in the Department for competition, rules and name remaining the same.

### BASIS OF AWARD:

The most outstanding report covering:

Overall help of aging such as visits, day-care center for those living with family, taking to get groceries, or to medical appointments, or any other services given. A narrative typewritten of not more than 1,000 words giving a description of the main program or most unique service to elderly, especially those NOT institutionalized.

Furthering of education of those thought too old to learn new skills. Provision of easy part-time work for older people, "Foster Grandparents", work in connection with the Federal program, assisting Medicare Nurses, and gifts and supplies for the aging.

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**FRED HILBURN ACTIVITIES PLAQUE  
SUNNYSLOPE ACTIVITIES PLAQUE**

**Fred Hilburn Plaque to Unit with membership of 151 and over  
Sunnyslope Plaque to Unit with membership of 150 and under**

Awarded by the Community Service Chairman

**RULES:**

1. Any Unit in the Department of Arizona may receive one of these awards in their membership classification.
2. The plaque shall become the permanent property of the Unit winning it for three (3) consecutive years. The permanent winner will place another plaque in the Department for competition, rules and name remaining the same.
3. The judging of the Unit reports for the awarding of these plaques shall be made prior to the Department Convention by a Committee of three (3) appointed by the Department Community Service Chairman.
4. The Unit report submitted must include a narrative of not more than 1,000 words typewritten.
5. To qualify in competition for these plaques, the Unit must report some activity on each of the requirements on the scoring system below. The purpose of the award is to stimulate interest and activity in a well rounded program.

Community Service	10%	Past Presidents Parley	5%
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	10%	Foreign Relations	5%
Children & Youth	10%	Juniors	5%
Girls State	5%	Legislative	5%
Membership	10%	Public Relations	5%
National Security	5%	Additional points for outstanding activities	5%
Poppy	5%	Appearance and arrangement of Narrative	5%
Americanism & Music	10%		

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# Community Service

## August 2022

Greetings, Arizona ALA members –

As we enter a new administration year, this chairman hopes that Units have already, or soon will have, appointed your Community Service chairman.

From the National website, we learn that this is a Mission Outreach Committee. *“A major outreach program of the Auxiliary since 1926, Community Service also demonstrates our longstanding commitment to supporting the work of the American Legion posts and other organizations in providing assistance with blood drives, first aid and CPR training, child safety programs, support for women in shelters, and disaster and emergency preparedness programs.”* Service in your communities can also dovetail into President White's theme of ‘Honoring our Hometown Heroes’. Think of ways your Unit can serve our hometown/community heroes.

For those familiar with the Auxiliary Wheel, we learn that Community Service is particularly focused on service in March, but that certainly doesn't mean we have to wait until then to be of service to our communities. In fact, Units can start planning activities for September with the **9/11 Day of Service**. Again, from the National website, *“. . . a national day of service and remembrance to pay tribute to the victims of 9/11 through charitable service and good deeds.”*

As always, be sure to keep a record of your hours, costs, and mileage as you work your community service activities.

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# Community Service

## September 2022

Hello, Arizona ALA members –

As mentioned in last month's message, Units don't have to wait until March, the Auxiliary wheel's program emphasis month for Community Service, to be of service to our communities. Remember, in addition to being **Patriot Day** and **Grandparents Day** (o-o-o and this chairman's birthday), September 11 is also **9/11 Day of Service** where members can pay tribute to the victims of 9/11 by doing good deeds and charitable service

We've all heard of spring cleaning, but how about doing some fall cleaning to have a garage sale? Ask neighbors, church members, and acquaintances to join in and think about your proceeds going to a community project; could be a way to attract new members if they see what we do for our veterans, children and youth, and community.

By next month, following the National Convention, we'll know who our National Community Service Chairman will be and what the program action plan will include. Arizona is proud to have our own PDP Yolanda Bonilla as the Western Division Chairman. Let's make her proud with terrific community service reports this year.

"It does appear that involvement in organizations with a diverse membership and in groups that engage in acts of charity or community service boosts social trust."  
— Christopher Peterson, [Character Strengths and Virtues: A Handbook and Classification](#)

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## October 2022

Hello, Arizona ALA members –

Unit Community Service chairmen should now be looking at the requirements for the Department Community Service awards. If your Unit does not have the Department Awards Booklet, the information can be found by going to [aladeptaz.org](http://aladeptaz.org), then to Member Resources, then to Department Awards Rules Manual, pages 20-22.

For this program, Arizona has the following awards:

**Carlotta Pace Community Service Award** (all eligible Units)

For a community improvement project in conjunction with the Post or in cooperation with other organizations.

**Fred Hilburn Activities Plaque** (eligible Units with membership of 151 and over)

**Sunnyslope Activities Plaque** (eligible Units with membership of 150 and under)

The purpose of these two awards is to stimulate interest and activity in a well-rounded program.

**Zeita M Johnson Memorial Plaque** (all eligible Units)

For outstanding Community Service to older citizens.

“Eligible Units” means the Unit has ordered poppies this year.

Department has indicated that mid-year reports will not be required this year, but please be sure to keep a record of your hours, costs, and mileage as you work your community service activities so that when you prepare your annual reports and narratives, you have the information needed.

“When we all lend a hand in helping in the community, we improve everyone's quality of life.”

— Germany Kent

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### **“VETERANS Our Hometown Heroes”**

From the 2017-2022 American Legion Auxiliary Programs Action Plan, the following information is given regarding ALA's Community Service program:

*“Become visible within your community as a link to the veteran community. Get involved in community service projects to bring awareness of our mission to support veterans, servicemembers, their families and the community.”*

The following are a few suggestions to accomplish the action plan.

**While volunteering in the community, be sure to wear your American Legion Auxiliary apparel or pin/name badge.** And if your apparel is not ALA-branded, please be sure to dress appropriately.

**Contact local religious leaders and first responders to let them know you are available to help veteran families in need.** Know what veteran resources are in your area so you'll be ready.

**Veterans Day is approaching so volunteer to assist with any community observances.** Also, a recent suggestion relayed to this chairman is sending/giving thank you cards to veterans in your local centers/homes.

**Participate in activities at nursing homes, senior citizen centers, libraries, and/or assisted living centers.**

*“It's great not only talking about community service in theory but actually doing it.” – Adam Gardner*

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