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What is the VFW Day of Service?

The VFW Day of Service is a day set aside for veteran-led local community service events. It is an outgrowth of the VFW's #StillServing initiative that since 2020 has brought recognition to how much U.S. military veterans continue to serve in their communities after they take off their uniform.

Why VFW Day of Service?

By concentrating veteran-led community service projects on this day, and throughout the month of May, the VFW intends to bring focus to the role veterans play in the well-being of their communities.

When is the VFW Day of Service?

VFW Day of Service is on the first Saturday in May. On May 3, 2025, the VFW will kickoff of the veteran-led community service projects that will take place throughout the month of May.

A VFW Day of Service community service event can be on any day in May?

Much as Veterans Day commemorations take place throughout the month of November, the VFW Day of Service will occur on the first Saturday in May – May 3 for 2025 – kicking off a full month of veteran-led community service projects that make a difference.

Why isn't the VFW Day of Service on Veterans Day?

VFW Day of Service is a new initiative with a unique focus on veteran-led community service. The choice of a Saturday, and the time of year, offers a greater opportunity for involvement of the whole family, other organizations and members of the community.

Who can participate in the VFW Day of Service?

Anyone. If you are not a VFW Post member or veteran, we can help you connect with one. The more we work together, the greater the benefit to our local community.

Do you have to sign up for the VFW Day of Service?

The VFW does ask that VFW members, all veterans and others visit VFWDayofService.org to register their event and/or find a local event to join and see what veterans around the country are doing to make a difference.

What type of events can be included in the VFW Day of Service?

VFW Day of Service events are community service focused, so whatever Day of Service volunteers identify as a community need and their work to meet it qualifies. The goal is for these events to be in addition to your regular plans, as well as something that fellow veterans can be invited to take part. **“Buddy”® Poppy, recruiting and events which raise monetary donations do not qualify as a Day of Service event.**

Some examples of community services events include:

- Drives – food, personal hygiene products, diapers
- Home repair
- Highway clean up
- Street / park / cemetery / vacant lot clean up
- Health fairs
- Back pack / snack
- Houseless to home support
- Playground rehab / installation
- Accessibility initiatives

Can my Post’s Day of Service event help us achieve All-American?

Absolutely! Simply log your hours into your state community service reporting system to ensure you get credit for your impact.