



Community Service Committee Program

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS
PO BOX 2910
BLOOMINGTON
ILLINOIS 61702

2025



Let's **Be V.I.S.I.B.L.E.** in our communities!

Volunteer. Inspire. Serve. Impact. Build. Lead. Encourage.

1. DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:

This award provides an opportunity for every Post, regardless of size to gain recognition for the many worthwhile projects that they participate in within their own communities. The purpose of this program is to recognize Posts that are not able to qualify for the HALL OF FAME AWARD. Illinois Posts may submit their Department Commander's Community Service Award application for projects completed between May 1, 2024 and April 30, 2025. See contest rules for details.

2. POST NEWSLETTERS:

Illinois Posts may submit their newsletters (published between May 1, 2024 and April 30, 2025) for judging. See separate application form for details.

3. POST SCRAPBOOKS:

Illinois Posts often record their projects and historical data. Posts may submit scrapbooks (of events taking place between May 1, 2024 and April 30, 2025) for judging. See separate application form for details.

4. HALL OF FAME AWARD:

Please review the award rules for details. This award is separate from the Department Commander's community service award(1).

Awards are broken down according to size of post. There will be a total of 3 awards (1st, 2nd and 3rd Place) for each group. The groups are ; 15–100 members, 101–200 members, 201–400 members and 401 and up. All other entries will receive "Honorable Mention" citations.

DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES: APRIL 30, 2025

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD APPLICATION

Post Name _____

Post No. _____ District _____ Division _____

Post Location (City) _____ Zip _____

Prerequisite: Please submit a brief explanation of each project (by number) with this form.

PROJECT #	PROJECT TYPE	NUMBER OF POST MEMBERS INVOLVED	TOTAL PROJECT HOURS
1	Ambulance Service		
2	American Legion Riders		
3	Athletics		
4	Blood Donor Program		
5	Boy Scouts		
6	Boys State		
7	Cancer Awareness		
8	Care for Community Property		
9	Chaperone Service		
10	Christmas Baskets		
11	Color Guards		
12	Community Activities in Legion Home		
13	Community Park Development		
14	Community Recreation Program		
15	Community Service Veterans Affairs		
16	Disaster Relief		
17	Drill Teams & Drum Corps		
18	Education Week & School Awareness		
19	Emergency Shelter		
20	Erection of Flag Poles & Memorials		
21	Flag Education		
22	Get Out the Voters		
23	Jr. Bands		
24	Marksmanship		
25	Observance of Patriotic Holidays		

Clip this Post Community Service Report and send to Dept. of IL Headquarters Office

DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD, Cont.

PROJECT #	PROJECT TYPE	NUMBER OF POST MEMBERS INVOLVED	TOTAL PROJECT HOURS
26	Oratorical Contest		
27	<i>Drug Abuse</i>		
28	<i>Handicapped Children</i>		
29	<i>Health Research</i>		
30	<i>Immunization</i>		
31	Parties and Dances		
32	Physical Fitness Programs		
33	Safety, Law & Order		
34	School Recreation Equipment		
35	Senior Citizens Assistance		
36	Sons of The American Legion		
37	Toys for Underprivileged		
38	Youth Activities		
39	Youth Recognition Day		
40	Honor Guard/Funeral Details		
41	Others:		
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Complete the Department Commanders Community Service Award Application (including a brief explanation of each project by number) and mail these forms to the address below.

Department awards will be presented to posts who have submitted entries with a large number of Community Service Projects. Consideration will be given to the number of members involved, total hours of service and community involvement. The applications must be at Department Headquarters by **April 30, 2025. Complete the Post Community Service Report and Award Application and mail both forms together to:**

THE AMERICAN LEGION – DEPARTMENT OF IL
2720 E. Lincoln St. BLOOMINGTON, IL 61704
C/O: DEPT. ADJUTANT

Total Projects _____ Total members Involved _____ Total Project Hours _____

Number of members at Close of Books 2023 _____

Signature of Post Adjutant or Post Commander _____

HALL OF FAME AWARD

To be eligible for consideration for the Hall of Fame Award, entries must be entirely UNSELFISH service to comrades or to veterans in general. Commendable projects in which the Post reaps any benefit are NOT considered candidates for the Hall of Fame Award.

The Hall of Fame Award is for ONE outstanding activity by an individual Post or in conjunction with another Community Organization with the Post doing at least 2/3 of the project. This must not be confused with the Community Service Citation regularly issued by National Headquarters.

Each year, the Department of Illinois gives recognition to the Post within the Department that has rendered the most outstanding, unselfish and distinguished service.

This recognition is in the form of the Hall of Fame Award. One bronze plaque is properly inscribed with the name of the winning Post, a brief description of the project, and the names of the Commander and Adjutant of the Post and of the Department and the Department Community Service Committee Chairman. This plaque will be formally presented at Department Convention. The winning post will also be permanently recognized in the Hall of Fame at Department Headquarters.

Mail entries for the Hall of Fame Award in the form of a scrapbook containing pictures, letters, financial expenses (photocopies of cancelled checks), newspaper clippings and any other supporting data accompanied by a report containing a complete outline of the project - be at Department Headquarters **NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2025**. If a question arises, please contact the District or Division Chairman before submitting your entry to Department Headquarters for judging.

*** * * ABSOLUTELY NO VIDEOS or DVD's * * ***

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