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Community Service In Action



Members of American Legion SSG Michael A. Dickinson 257 Family on Oct. 3, 2026 cleaned a roadside in the State of Michigan Adopt-A-Highway program to keep America and our Community Beautiful!

Zoom Recap

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the first Quart Zoom call.

There are so many great things happening in our communities. Members are participating in Adopt-A-Highway programs, donating to animal shelters, participating in and hosting trunk or treat events, and preparing backpacks full of personal hygiene items for homeless shelters, just to name a few.

Keep up the great work.

We also talked a little about what is and is not community service. So many things that fit into community service also fit into other programs. When it is time to report, ask yourself who the activity benefits. If it benefits veterans, then it reports under VA & R. If it benefits active-duty military, then National Security is a better fit. If it directly benefits children, consider reporting under children and youth, Junior Activities or Education. If the activity benefits the broader community at large, then it is going to fit beautifully into community service.

Save the Dates

Community Service Quarterly Zooms

All times 7:00 p.m. EST

January 20, 2027

April 7, 2027

Mission Training

November 14, 2026 - Omaha Nebraska*

January 30, 2027- Albany, New York* & Springfield, Illinois

February 6, 2027 – Atlanta, Georga & Las Vegas, Nevada*

* ALA Mission Training & National Junior Meetings.

Register at: https://www.legion-aux.org/Meetings/Mission-Training





American Legion Auxiliary 5th District Dept. of Michigan delivering blankets, towels, leases, collars, dog and cat food to Humane Society of West Michigan.



Community Service Ideas

- Host a food drive for a local food bank. Pair it with a fun activity at your post home or community center to involve the entire community.
- Host a clothing drive for a battered women's shelter.
- Help with food distribution at your local food bank.



Remember to proudly wear your ALA branding when participating in events. Your branded community service activities tell everyone who you are and could open doors to new members.

Don't forget to share photos of your community service related activities. Remember to send the photo to your Divisional Chair, with a description of what is in the photo.

Keep sharing your photos and activities with the Facebook group.

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