

**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
Community Service Chairperson Monthly Report**

Reporting Month: December

Overview / Summary: As the newly appointed Dept. of Arizona Community Service Chairperson, I didn't have the opportunity to reach out to the Arizona State Units for the month of December. For now, I can report on Unit 86.

Unit 86 members along with community members participated in several events along with the community. Wreaths Across America, Heber-Overgaard Chamber of Commerce Community Winterfest event, gift delivery to homebound seniors and Veterans, served meals to dine-in Seniors and delivered meals. Christmas Dinner at the American Legion Post 86. Assist a community member with VA paperwork.

Activities & Accomplishments:

1. Unit 86 invited the community to help set wreaths from Wreaths Across America at our local cemetery veteran gravesites. It was a solemn event, and the community members were honored to participate.
2. Some of the Unit 86 members volunteered at the Chamber of Commerce Community Winterfest event. There were Carolers, children's arts & crafts, children's games, Hot Cocoa, Food, Gingerbread House contest, Cookie Walk, and Santa. Over 400 community members attended.
3. Unit 86 Members delivered gifts donated by the community to homebound Seniors. Members also helped serve meals to dine-in Senior members at the Senior Center.
4. Unit 86 Members along with community members set up, prepared, served and cleaned up Christmas Dinner. This dinner was provided to all Veterans, their families and the community.
5. A member of Unit 86 helped a community member complete a VA Application to receive reimbursement for the burial of a Veteran family member.

Unit Participation

- Number of units reporting: 1
- Estimated volunteer hours reported: 31 hours
- Estimated number of members participating: 14
- Units showing outstanding participation this month include:
- Unit: 86
- Unit:

Highlights / Success Stories

I feel that the whole month of December was a success and brought the community out in a big way.

Challenges / Needs

Getting more Unit members to participate is the biggest challenge.

Upcoming Events / Plans: Pet supply donation, volunteering at the local Senior Center and Card Signing.

7. Goals for Next Month

- Increase the number of units reporting
- Encourage youth and family involvement

8. Additional Comments: My goal is to have many more Units participating.

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