

HELLO ARIZONA ALA UNITS!

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMEN

*Participating in a **9/11 Day of Service** honors the history of Patriot Day by turning a solemn national memorial into a powerful movement of COMMUNITY RENEWAL.*

*As you know on **September 11, 2001**, our nation experienced unfathomable tragedy, but in the hours and days that followed, we also witnessed the extraordinary courage of first responders and the quiet strength of neighbors helping neighbors. Congress officially designated **9/11** as a **National Day of Service and Remembrance** to ensure that this spirit of unity and selfless sacrifice lives on as a lasting tribute to those we lost.*

*For the AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, coming full circle to serve our communities on this day is a natural reflection of our core mission. When Unit Community Service Chairmen organize local **9/11 GIVE BACK projects**, we transform remembrance into **ACTION** - strengthening our towns, supporting our veterans, and inspiring the next generation.*

HERE ARE A FEW WAYS TO PUT HONOR INTO ACTION:

Don't Forget: **Record hours & activities for year-end reporting!*

- **ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL PLEDGE OF SERVICE ON THE 9/11 DAY OF SERVICE WEBSITE.** Keeping the spirit of service and remembrance in mind & pass your pledges on thru social media to encourage others to join. See... 911day.org.
- **DELIVER MEALS TO LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSONNEL.**
- **ORGANIZE A PARK OR CEMETERY CLEANUP.**
- **PARTICIPATE IN A VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY OR PROJECT OF WHICH THE UNIT IS ALREADY A PART & ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN (LEGION FAMILY).**
- **HOST A SUPPLY DRIVE FOR A LOCAL OR NEARBY WEATHER RELATED DISASTER.**
- **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE DISCOVERED AT americorps.gov/serve/volunteer/911-day.**

*Every act of service rekindles the UNITY that defines our country in the aftermath of **9/11**. Let's encourage every Unit across our Department to step up, designate a project, and show the power of community in action this September. How will Arizona ALA Units participate in the **9/11 GIVE BACK**? Share your project plans below to inspire others!*

For God and Country

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