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What is the VFW Day of Service?

2023 will mark the second year for the VFW Day of Service, 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 did VFW launch a VFW Day of Service?

By concentrating veteran-led community service projects on this day, and throughout the month of May, the VFW looks 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 launched on the first Saturday in May, which is May 6 in 2023. That day will mark the 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 launch on the first Saturday in May – May 6 for 2023 – 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](https://www.vfwdayofservice.org) to register their event on the interactive Day of Service map and receive a special participation decal 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. **"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
- Street / park / cemetery / vacant lot clean up
- Health fairs

- Backpack / snack
- Houseless to home support
- Playground rehab / installation
- Accessibility initiatives

Can a VFW Post's Day of Service event help it achieve All-American?

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

¹White House continues tradition of observing Veterans and Military Families Month throughout November Military Times, Nov. 1, 2021

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