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DPA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The DPA Community Service Award will recognize the single best community Service Project performed by a Post within the Department.

The winner of this award will have their package forwarded to National and serve as the DPA National Outstanding Community Service Post awardee.

VFW National will present The DPA selected Post with a plaque inscribed with the name of the VFW Post, a \$599 stipend to cover part of the Post representative's expenses to the National Convention, publication of the Post's name in the Convention program booklet, and a street sign identifying this national award for the Post to put up in their community.

The DPA Judging Committee will perform the judging:
Submission dates will be as follows:

- Post will submit to the DPA Judging Committee NLT 1 April with a copy to their District CDR.
- Judging completed by 21 April.
- DPA forward the selected Post to the National Programs Department by April 30.

Posts will submit their applications directly to the DPA JVC at jvcdpa@vfwpacific.org for judging.

- To be forwarded to the Judging Committee for Voting via email.

The application form is attached and should be completed in a thorough manner in order to identify the truly best Community Project.

Consider these factors in the award application:

- Did the community project have a significant impact on the community and demonstrate a positive involvement of the VFW within that community?
- Did the project have an unusually profound affect on their community?
- Who in the community benefited from the project; i.e., Seniors, Youth, Veterans, etc.
- Provide a description of the project; i.e., was it cooking a holiday meal, building a playground, or supporting another non-profit organization.
- How did this project better facilitate involvement between your members and the local community?



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**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE PACIFIC AREAS
AWARD COVER SHEET**

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Post Name/Number: _____ **District:** _____

Post Address: _____

Award POC: _____ **Email:** _____

1. **Purpose:** This annual Department Award recognizes one Post that performed a community service project that had a significant impact on the community and demonstrated a positive involvement of the VFW within that community. The project should have an unusually profound effect on their community.
2. **Eligibility:** any Post that has made significant contributions to VFW Department of Pacific Areas using the criteria and purpose stated herein may submit an application. The application will be submitted to the Department JVC with a copy to their District Commander no later than 1 April.
3. **Criteria:** Selection will be based on the significance and importance of a Community Service Project which had a profound effect factors mentioned in the on the local community and demonstrated a positive view of the VFW. The narrative describing the specific Community Service Project will include as a minimum the factors mentioned in paragraph 4 below.
4. **Recommendation:** A maximum one page narrative, bullet comments are encouraged, detailing the specific project using the following criteria:
 - a. Did the community project have a significant impact on the community and demonstrate a positive involvement of the VFW within that community?
 - b. Did the project have an unusually pro-found affect on their community?
 - c. Who in the community benefited from the project; i.e., Seniors, Youth, Veterans, etc.
 - d. Provide a description of the project; i.e., was it cooking a holiday meal, building a playground, or supporting another non-profit organization.
 - e. How did this project better facilitate involvement between your members and the local community?
 - f. Photos, newspaper clippings, certificates or any other pertinent documentation may be attached to the narrative recommendation