



Department of California
District 28
Community Service Report
January 14, 2024

Madame District President Rebecca and District 28 members,

1. In December, I was invited to participate in a Department Zoom meeting with our Department Community Service Chairman, Patricia Galatioto. Patti is working on trying to ask Districts to work with their cities on a proclamation for 'Legion Family Day'. Patricia will be providing more information soon.
2. I received 100% reporting on mid-year reports. I sent my report along with a supplemental to my Department Chairman. My supplemental included the following:

Starting with Department Convention, Units in District 28 hit the ground running! Several Units donated baskets for the Ways and Means and District raffle tables. Several also donated to the Swag Bags, with in-kind donations of \$453 and \$100 in monetary donations. District 28 donated swag bag donations valued at \$150. We also have District 28 and Units are donating to the Goodie Bags for DEC.

Units attended a Mad Hatters Relay for Life fundraiser, donating \$120/table of 8 people and gift bags donated of a value of \$225. The totals for this event will be determined in a later report.

District 28 members have worked in 6 food banks (\$250 donated, \$307.34 in-kind donations, 100 hours), 5 Senior Centers (in-kind donations \$100, 81 hours), 4 Homeless shelters (27 hours), 3 medical clinics (in-kind donations (\$301.34, 100 hours), participated in parades, had an Oktoberfest fundraiser (84 hours), had recycle programs at home and at their Posts and care for Post gardens (100 hours). Almost all Units volunteer at their Posts preparing, serving and cleaning up for regular scheduled nightly dinners (19 members, 778 hours). We had Units who donated time helping with their Community Thanksgiving dinners (28 hours). Several Units help the families at Celebration of Life ceremonies, donating time for setup and cleanup.

Units participated in National Night Out, promoting the Legion Family (30 hours) and special Unit activity includes Trick or Treat pickup bags (30 hours, \$185

donated). One Unit member volunteered 30 hours to a Vet Supp Horse Ranch and 2 members worked 4 hours doing the Veteran Cookie Drop (8 hours). Units participated in the Salinas Veterans Day parade. A Unit member and her father decided they wanted to make a Veterans Day float for the parade so the older members could ride on the float and not have to walk. 9 members worked a total of 78 hours to decorate the float. The sad misfortune is that her father passed away suddenly and didn't get to see the float. They decided to go ahead with the float because that is what he would have wanted them to do. During the parade route, 81 members passed out flags to all the spectators and kids. The day of the parade, the members were recognized and interviewed by a local KSBW TV reporter and it appeared on the evening news.

Another new program in our area is Hometown banners, where veterans can have their Uniform pictures made into banners that are displayed on the main streets of towns. Members worked 72.5 hours helping with these banners.

3. Please make sure to keep track of your hours and monies donated because as you can see, it all adds up. Thank you for all you do!
4. Happy New Year!

Sherryl Panek, Chairman