Service to Veterans

Examples of locations and activities

An orientation course is no longer required by the National Organization in order to earn hours for Service to Veterans, however, individual departments may still require an orientation course in order to accumulate Service to Veterans hours. Please contact your department VA&R chairman for requirements. Junior members may earn Service to Veterans hours under supervision of a senior volunteer.

The following are examples of the many ways you can help the veterans in your area through the American Legion Auxiliary Service to Veterans program. Service to Veterans is one of two VA&R programs that help veterans in your area; the other VAVS. VAVS serves veterans within the VA hospital setting.

Per the VA&R Guide for Volunteers, Service to Veterans is any service provided to a sick or injured veteran outside of a VAMC or within a volunteer's home.

Examples of Locations:

- Any work done on behalf of veterans in state- or community-based nursing homes
- Adult daycare centers
- Adult foster homes
- Adult halfway houses
- Hospices
- Homeless shelters
- Stand downs
- Christmas shops (NOT AT A VAMC)

Other examples of volunteering opportunities for Service to Veterans,

- Assisting a veteran's family:
    - Assisting with veteran's burial or graveside upkeep
    - Transportation
    - Snow removal
    - Landscaping/yard work
    - Tax preparation