

Reporting Explanations

Support Family Readiness Groups

Conducting deployment farewells and returning celebrations, aiding families by helping with children, doing home repairs etc. Providing financial assistance for phone cards, voices from home and time/money directly to base family support units. Mailing care packages.

Support National Guard Troops:

Support provided specifically for the National Guard troops and their families. If the support relates directly to a Family Assistance Center, please note this in the comment field.

Women Veterans

Any program or activity supported or conducted that is specific to assisting women veterans or women service members.

Hours

Program hours reported by a single individual.

Example:

1 Volunteer x 4 Hours = 4 Hours
5 Volunteers x 4 Hours = 20 Hours

MILES

Total miles driven roundtrip per vehicles to an event.

(Driver reporting only)

Example:

Vehicles in the carpool= 5 vehicle

Vehicle 1 roundtrip 100 miles + Vehicle 2 roundtrip 50 miles + Vehicle 3 roundtrip 100 miles
Vehicle 4 roundtrip 80 miles + Vehicle 5 roundtrip 20 miles = Five vehicle driven 350 miles
round trip

ACTIVITY COST

Post money spent on supplies, food, or awards etc. in order to conduct the program.

FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS

INCOMING DONATIONS: Money raised at an AMVETS hosted event.

OUTGOING DONATIONS: Money given to another organization or special cause such as
Special Olympics, Homeless Veterans, etc.

SPECIAL DONATIONS: Money donated to AMVETS from another organization or individual to
support the AMVETS Mission.

Americanism

9-11 Ceremonies (September only)

For any 9-11 events or ceremonies sponsored and/or officially representing your AMVETS Post or Department

Americanism Contest

Administer the Poster & Essay Contests within local schools or other youth organizations, participate in local parades, public ceremonies, etc.

AADAA (AMVETS Against Drug & Alcohol Abuse)

AMVETS Against Drugs and Alcohol Abuse, administering the AADAA Poster & Essay Contest within schools or other youth organizations and/or supporting a local community group working with a recovery program.

Color Guard

A uniformed group, of individuals, who parade or present their institution's flag (and sometimes their national flag) on ceremonial occasions (i.e., presenting colors at a football game.)

Flag Day (June 14th)

Specifically, for Flag Day on June 14th when posts honor the American Flag. Some examples of reportable activities are sponsoring flag burning ceremonies, teaching the history and traditions of the flag, etc.

JROTC/ROTC

JR/Reserve Officer Training Corp: Donating, presenting the AMVETS ROTC awards and/or conducting JROTC drill competitions.

Memorial Day Observances

Specifically, for Memorial Day for those activities that a post organizes to remember those who have died in military service. This can include wreath-laying, providing roses for people who pay tribute at cemeteries, placing flags on graves in national cemeteries, etc.

Patriotism Flag

This program recognizes businesses, organizations, and individuals who fly the American Flag properly outside their establishments or homes. The honoring may be done at a Post meeting, at the business/organization's location, and/or via the media.

Suicide Awareness

Posts are encouraged to participate in an awareness program and secure materials from a VA's Suicide Prevention Coordinator to distribute in their local communities. This includes the S.A.V.E. Program and H.E.A.L Suicide Prevention Training Online.

Supporting Veterans/ Families

Career Center Awareness

To report awareness, initiatives to assist veterans find employment, i.e. send referrals to HQs Career Center, assist veterans with resumes etc.

Chaplain Visits/Support

The chaplain is a member of the commander's staff and acts as advisor and consultant to the commander in all matters relating to religion, morals, and morale as affected by religion. The chaplain assists the commander and his staff with integrating the principles of good moral conduct and citizenship in the post. He represents religion which teaches fortitude, reverence, and justice, as well as kindness, sympathy and humility.

Homeless Veterans:

Conducting or supporting Stand Downs, counseling, donations to agencies working on behalf of Homeless Veterans, participating in a community Continuum of Care, and/or other support provided.

Honor Flight Network

Transport America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices. Opportunities to assist as "guardians" for flights. And/or if Post/Dept participates in support of or has established a Regional Hub.

Peer to Peer

Promote and/or sponsor activities, such as AA, NA, 'coffee shops and other workshops that help veterans learn how to re-establish connections with their friends, families, occupations, and society as well as to reduce the impact of service related traumas, PTSD, MST, TBI, etc.

Sick/Hospitalized Veterans

Visiting, helping home bound vets and/or Hospitalized Vets. Transporting non-family veterans to and from VA Medical Centers or doctor's appointments. Please note: A few State Veterans Hospitals may have an agreement with a VAMC (these hours would be reported through VAVS, along with hours volunteered through the VAVS program). Caring for a live-in (within your Home) veteran family member is not a reportable program. Contact you Post of Department 2nd Vice if you have any questions.

Veteran Cemetery and Carillon Care

Under the guidance and direction of AMVETS members overseeing the care and maintenance of veteran cemeteries or other cemeteries with a veteran specific location. Includes, but not limited to cleaning, refurbishing, replacing, and caring for markers, carillon, grave, monuments lawn or mausoleum, etc.

Veterans History Project

Facilitating the gathering of Veterans stories in an organized manner and within the parameters established by the Library of Congress and Women in Military Service for America Memorial. This project of the American Folklife Center collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war.

White Clover (Remember Me)

Raising awareness of AMVETS with the White Clovers for the purpose of raising donations to assist our veterans who are hospitalized or in-need, or to assist within our communities whenever necessary.

Rolling to Remember Awareness

Preparing for the Event

Getting the word out at AMVETS Post Activities, meetings, etc to tell about the event. Speaking with social media, TV, Radio, Newspaper etc. Promote and spread the word about the purpose of Rolling to Remember.

Participating in Event

As AMVETS members: Host or participate in vigils or rides, rest stops set-up or hosting pitstop, participate in veteran events to remember POW/MIA and suicide prevention awareness. Along the way to and from the event many of you may be visiting veterans at Homes or VAMC and attending events and parades to honor veterans.

After the Event

Cleaning up

Sad Sacks

Any Sad Sack activity to include the scholarship your sack unit is awarding. You must enter a comment identifying what type of program you are reporting, otherwise the data will not be accepted.

Scouting

Chartering Boy Scout and/or Girl Scout units; serving as merit badge counselors; facilitating the presentation of AMVETS' Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award Certificates.

Veterans Day Observance

Posts organizing and taking part in activities that honor veterans on Veterans Day. Participating in veterans' day parades, teaching the history of the holiday and sponsoring trips to national memorials are examples of reportable activities, etc. Represent or speak at a veterans Day ceremony and provide details on AMVETS Representation. Continuation of Remembering and Honoring those veterans who served during a conflict by hosting or attending an event representing AMVETS.

Community Service

Blood Drives:

Sponsoring/hosting a community blood drive on behalf of the American Red Cross or having AMVETS members donate for other community sponsored drives.

PLEASE NOTE: According to AABB, as volunteers freely donate blood, there is no monetary value that may be reported. Patients that receive blood do not pay for the actual blood itself, rather the services applied to processing blood products (i.e., infectious testing, typing etc.) Please report the pints donated in the comment field. No cash/donation entries.

In appreciation and recognition of AMVETS members who regularly and unselfishly give blood, you can award an AMVETS Blood Donor Pin. Complete The Blood Donor Form located under forms on the National Website and submit it to Programs, and in turn, we will provide you with an AMVETS Blood Donor Pin and a National Blood Donor Certificate to present at an appropriate ceremony.

Care Bear:

Raising money to purchase Teddy Bears or organizing drives to collect teddy bears to donate to first responders for distribution to children in emergency situations.

Clothing and Food Drives:

Conducting your own or providing manpower to assist other organizations collect clothing, food, etc. (Other than Natural Disaster Relief)

Natural Disaster Relief:

When assistance and support is given to those individuals and families within a community who have been affected by a natural disaster, ex. fire, hurricane, tornadoes, floods, etc.

Safe Drive:

Conducting a safe driver rodeo for high school students involving both education and competition.

Scholarship Assistance:

Report Scholarship Awards presented by Posts and/or Departments. Also, report all promotional efforts being made to disseminate information and applications for AMVETS National Scholarships.

Special Olympics

Serving as volunteer trainers, judges, and support staff for local competitions. Providing financial assistance to the organization.

Fundraising

INCOMING DONATIONS: This category should be used to report the fundraising projects for incoming donations, raised for various veteran and community projects, example, Bingo or dinners, etc. Identify the cause/organization in the **Description of Activities** and the total amount raised by your post in the **'Cash In Donations'** field.

OUTGOING DONATIONS: This category should be used to report funds your post make to another organization, example; Special Olympics, Homeless Veterans, etc. Identify the cause/organization in the **Description of Activities** and the total amount donated by your post in the **Cash Out Donation'** field.

SPECIAL DONATIONS: This category should be used to report donations which other organizations or individual give to your post with no special cause. Identify the cause/organization in the **Description of Activities** field and the total amount received from the other organization/individual under the **Cash In Donations** field.

Legislative Awareness

Legislative Advocacy Week

Participate with the sons in Washington DC to see our State Representatives and educate them on our AMVET Legislative priorities for the Current year.

State Legislative Days

Participate in the State's Legislative Activities, visiting reps etc.

Membership

Open House

Posts that open their facility to the public for them to see what the Organization does and to encourage joining.

Recruiting

Booths/Tents at Events to educate the public about the organization and to encourage joining the AMVETS Family.

Remembering Me

Military Funeral Honors

Volunteers and/or formal AMVETS Honor Guards from posts/departments that participate in conducting MFH for our veterans at any cemetery or funeral home.

POW/MIA (Prisoner of War/Missing in Action):

Provide support to families, conduct POW/MIA ceremonies at community military and veterans' gatherings.

R.E.D. Shirt Friday Awareness (Remember Everyone Deployed)

The awareness of wearing of a red shirt only on Friday to make everyone aware that we still have troops deployed overseas and elsewhere and until they all come home we will continue to wear a red shirt for no more than 8 hours per day to Remember Everyone Deployed.