

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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On your mark! Get set! GO! I'm sure by now your auxiliary has completed several community projects. Have you reported? Yes, I know volunteering and helping are more fun than writing down what you did. But if you don't tell what happens, how can I count the hours and dollars donated? Go ahead, blow your own horn! You deserve recognition for the good works you do and so does the Department of Illinois.

Have you checked out www.americasupportsyou.mil? This program is great for building the morale of our fighting soldiers and their families! Plan a Freedom Walk in your neighborhood, city or region. You are not asked to raise funds. You are asked to take pictures of your walk, get your community involved, and show our fighting men that we are supporting the work they are doing! There is a complete planning guide for a Freedom Walk on the web site.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY – OCTOBER 2008. Round up the volunteers—young, old or middle-aged to help clean up senior citizens' yards, rake leaves, pick up trash or fill any other need that your community needs. You can also plant flowers, babysit for a few hours, balance a checkbook for someone who is not mathematically inclined or with vision problems. Why not bake a cake or cookies for a shut-in? Run errands or offer to give a caregiver a few hours respite. We can all do something to make the world a better place. It doesn't have to be world peace to be a worthwhile project. Just do it!

Another worthwhile project is the Veterans Oral History Project. The web site is www.loc.gov/vets. **The first auxiliary chairman to send a copy of their completed project to me will receive a special award.** Read how to participate on the web site.

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in America. Have you sponsored a program showing how to avoid identity theft? I'm sure a call to your local law enforcement agency will provide a free speaker with a worthwhile message. Don't wait until you or one of your members become a victim. P.S. Don't forget to report your program.

Remember our Community Service Program consists of the following:

- A = Community Involvement
- B = Cooperation with other Organizations
- C = Aid to Others
- D = School and Church Assistance
- S = Safety

PLEASE USE THE NEW FORM IN THESE GENERAL ORDERS.

When you have reported at least once in each of the categories plus Safety you will be 100% reported in Community Service and it will show **"TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE THE EXTRAORDINARY."**