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National Theme: Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care

Department Theme: Be the Anchor for Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe

This time of year brings to mind pumpkins, colored leaves and being thankful for many things and people we have or have had in our lives. But just because the air is a bit brisker and we are turning into more inside activities does not mean we give up volunteering. If anything, there may be a greater need for volunteers at this time than at others.

This is a perfect time to reach out and partner with another group that hosts some type of "Thanksgiving" meal/event. See if they need help. See if they need volunteers. A church that is putting on a public meal would qualify if it was open to anyone not just the church members. Maybe this time of year another civic group is looking to host an appreciation dinner or awards ceremony. You could help volunteer to cook, serve, or clean up so that their members can enjoy the event. Shelters for the homeless and animals could use some extra help this time of year as well as more and more people are driven inside due to the weather. Check your local papers, listen to radio stations, check city bulletin boards, newspapers, or social media for mentions of upcoming events that your Auxiliary can pitch in and help on. It is never too early to get in on the planning and volunteering for your local Christmas parade or fair. Many of these bigger events take lots of volunteers and plans to pull it off, not just your Chamber of Commerce. I guess the point is to be creative and look and listen to what is going on in your own "backyards". I am sure there are still many things to be done this time of year.

Make sure you are keeping track of your hours and mileage and how many people volunteered and report it to me. Just a reminder though if it can be reported under another chairmanship it must go there and not under Outreach. Please use the National website as well for other resource ideas and do's and don'ts.

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