

Volunteer Award

REQUEST FORM

This form will certify the following is entitled to a VFW National Community Service Volunteer Award for service as a VFW representative. A pin will be issued for his/her volunteer work with a community volunteer service organization. (For Hospital Volunteer Recognition Awards please contact your Department Hospital Chairman.)

NAME: _____

POST # _____ Hours Served: _____

VFW/Aux. Membership No. _____ Award Issued:(National Use Only) _____

*Awards for 1,000 hours or more may be the accumulation of volunteer service hours from up to three community service organizations.

Community Service Organization _____ Phone # () _____

Signed by: _____ Date _____

For 1,000 or more hours, add additional organizations below.

Community Service Organization _____ Phone # () _____

Signed by: _____ Date _____

Community Service Organization _____ Phone # () _____

Signed by: _____ Date _____

Post Commander's Signature _____ Date _____

MAIL AWARD TO:
Post Commander's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # must be filled in for Delivery () _____

Department Adjutant, please forward to:
Programs Department
VFW National Headquarters
406 W. 34th St.
Kansas City, MO 64111
Fax: (816) 968-1149

Volunteer Recognition

This program is designed to provide recognition and awards to VFW members who volunteer their time in service through outside organizations. Recognition is in the form of certificates and/or lapel pins which are given to volunteers who have completed the number of hours prescribed for those awards.

The individual in charge of a local community service organization such as a School, Youth Group, a Food Pantry or a Shelter will sign the validation form for the VFW or non-member VFW volunteer.

Note: Use the VFW National Hospital Volunteer Recognition Program to recognize hospital volunteer service. Contact your Department Hospital Chairman for more information.

National Community Service Department will provide the appropriate award for presentation to the volunteer upon receipt of a completed request form properly signed by the coordinator for the community service program, Post Commander and the Department Adjutant. Awards will be made in accordance with the following schedule.

100 hours	certificate
150 hours	lapel pin
300 hours	lapel pin
500 hours	lapel pin and certificate
1,000 hours	lapel pin
2,000 hours	lapel pin and certificate
3,000 hours	lapel pin
4,000 hours	lapel pin
5,000 hours	lapel pin and certificate
6,000 hours	lapel pin
8,000 hours	lapel pin
9,000 hours	lapel pin
10,000 hours	lapel pin and certificate
12,500 hours	lapel pin
15,000 hours	lapel pin and certificate
17,500 hours	lapel pin
20,000 hours	lapel pin and certificate
30,000 hours	lapel pin and certificate
35,000 hours	lapel pin and certificate
40,000 hours	lapel pin and certificate

The award pin includes the Cross of Malta, the words "Community Service and VFW Volunteer" and the accumulated volunteer hours. The certificate will recognize the volunteer for attaining the appropriate cumulative hour level.

Pins are to be requested on the prescribed form from the National Community Service Department. Completed forms are to be forwarded to the Department Adjutant for signature. Forms are then forwarded to the Director at National Headquarters.

Eligibility

1. A VFW member in good standing performing volunteer service for a community service organization is eligible to receive an award.
2. Such volunteer service must be given under the representation of the VFW.
3. Volunteer service rendered under sponsorship of any other organization is not recognized for this purpose.

Some examples of volunteer work benefitting non-members are: coaching youth, working at a food pantry, conducting flag presentations in front of schools or youth groups and supporting funeral homes/cemeteries by providing honor guard details for non-member veterans.

One Of A Kind

Only one award of a kind will be furnished to each volunteer. For instance, a volunteer who has served 450 hours is not eligible to receive three 150-hour pins. Replacement awards may be furnished on request.

Non-Member Awards

Non-members volunteering under the sponsorship of the VFW may be issued a certificate once a year for the number of hours served.

Procedure

Using the form, the VFW Post Commander (if the award is for the Post Commander, the Sr. or Jr. Vice Commander should sign and submit the form) should obtain the number of hours served by the volunteer from the local community service organization along with a signed statement from the organization on their letterhead, explaining the type of volunteer work completed. The completed form and statements should be sent to National Headquarters in Kansas City, Mo., where the awards are shipped from.