

Linda Gerke, National 4th Junior Vice Commander

## End of Year Report for 2019-2020 Community Service Chairman

I was so honored to be elected National 4th Junior Vice Commander at the National Convention in Orlando Florida. Thank you members for your confidence in my ability.

In September I attended the National Fall Conference in Lexington, KY. The chairmen presented their programs full of information to the attendees. I want to thank the members of the state of Missouri for participating in my Community Service skit on "How to complete a good Community Service report". Each participant was dressed in a costume that corresponded with a category on the report. It was a lot of fun and everyone did a fantastic job. There was a question and answer session following the program with a lot of group discussion.

In February I attended the Mid-Winter Conference in Washington D.C. I was privileged to be present when DAV National Commander Whitehead addressed the Joint Committee on Veterans Affairs. I attended the seminars and they were all very informative. Twenty eight members from Missouri met face-to-face with our Senators and Representatives or their aides in a room at the Senate building to make it clear what DAV is fighting for. They all seemed to be very receptive to our issues.

I was scheduled to be the national representative for the State Conventions of North Dakota, Oregon and Florida but because of COVID-19 all convention travel was cancelled to ensure the safety of all national representatives. I was very disappointed but thankful that everyone would be safe.

As your Community Service Chairman, I want to thank all units that submitted their Community Service report. The number of reports and community service activity reported is down from last year due to the cancellation of unit meetings and state conventions but the totals are still very impressive. As of June 19, 2020, I received reports from twenty one states with 135 units participating. Members traveled a total of 396,972 miles, performed 244,340 hours of service, \$107,192.37 in donations by unit check, \$252,501.65 worth of other items and \$70,416.20 in personal cash donations. Thank you to every one for what you do to make lives better for Disabled American Veterans and their families.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your National 4<sup>th</sup> Junior Vice Commander and Community Service chairman for 2019-2020. Thank you to everyone for all of your support.

Submitted by,  
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