

END OF YEAR IMPACT REPORTING

FAQs

- Question: Where do I report my service for a National Guard “Welcome Home” activity?
Answer: *Service for ALL members of the military, whether they are retired, active-duty or in the reserve component such as the National Guard is reported in “Section 1: My Service for Veterans, Active-Duty, and Reserve Military.”*
- Question: Do I report my VAVS (Veterans Administration Voluntary Services) on the Impact Form since I already sign in at the VA when I volunteer?
Answer: *No, the ALA receives those hours directly from the VA on a yearly basis.*
- Question: Does time spent shopping for care packages for deployed military count as service?
Answer: *Yes, shopping for care packages counts as service hours under Section 1. Mileage associated with shopping for care packages may also be reported under “Section 5: Mileage.”*
- Question: So...does driving my daughter to Junior meetings count as service?
Answer: *Sorry, that falls within your responsibility as a parent. You get kudos for being a great ALA parent though!*
- Question: My unit volunteered at a summer camp for military kids. Where should I report this service?
Answer: *If the summer camp is restricted to military kids only, you may report the service under “Section 2: My ALA Service for Military Families.” If the camp is open to ALL children, then your service would be reported under “Section 3: My ALA Service for Youth.” But don’t worry if you don’t remember. Just report it somewhere...but only count it once!*
- Question: My neighbor is deployed, so I help her husband by babysitting their children once a week. Does this count?
Answer: *Absolutely! Report this under “Section 2: My ALA Service for Military Families.”*
- Question: What if I don’t know exactly where on the form to report my service?
Answer: *You can always report it under “Section 4: My Service Representing the ALA in My Community.”*
- Question: Can I count hours spent taking care of a veteran who lives with me but is not a blood relative?
Answer: *As long as you are not receiving compensation in return for your role as a care-giver (such as when you care for your spouse), you may report it under “Section 1: My ALA Service for Veterans/Active-Duty/Reserve Military.”*
- Question: Can I count hours spent preparing meals for Legion meetings and administrative support for TAL commanders as hours spent in Service to Veterans?
Answer: *Those hours count but should be reported under “Section 4: My Service Representing the ALA in My Community.” Some of our members aptly describe those activities as family chores.*

THANK YOU FOR SERVING AND REPORTING!

Program Examples to Include in Narrative Event Reports

Americanism

Present flags to schools, churches, etc.
Say the Pledge of Allegiance
Sing the national anthem at a meeting, sporting event, or any public gathering

Promote “Get Out to Vote”
March/Participate in a parade
Plan/Participate in patriotic holiday events (Memorial Day, 4th of July, Veterans Day, etc.)

Community Service

Help with or donate for a Blood Drive
Donate to a Food Pantry
Help with Elementary Vision testing
Donate to Breast Cancer Research
Donate tray favors to Meals on Wheels
Donate to needy families in your community
Plant and/or take care of flowers at parks
Hours you spend on recycling at home

Serve meals at a Care or Senior Center
Make food and/or help serve lunch for a funeral
Donate to American Lung Association
Serve coffee for Court House Anniversary
Donate your time to Meals on Wheels
Plant and take care of flowers at Church
Donate to the Spirit of Christmas
Hold monthly card parties

Education

Award Unit Scholarships
Donate to Past Presidents Scholarship
Promote the Legion Oratorical Contest

Give teachers a gift during Education Week
Donate to M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund
Collect items for ‘Gift 10 for Education’

Junior Activities/National Security/Public Relations

Donate to Legion’s Project Cares

Donate to Operation Air Time

Leadership

Participate in leadership workshop

Take National ALA Correspondence Course

Legislative

Attend Salute to the Legislators
Attend a Town Hall meeting
Get a subscription to the Dispatch
Monitor legislative *Facebook* pages, Department and National websites for legislative updates

Visit your legislator
Write a letter to the editor advocating for veterans
Promote “Get Out to Vote”

Poppy

Create poppy education display in library, community or senior center, or window of a business
Display poppy posters in the community
Host event to award poppy prizes

Work with local government to have Poppy Proclamation in local newspapers
Create Poppy wreaths for distribution
Participate in Poppy Usage Award

Your narrative reports should include a description of the event or program plus hours volunteered, dollars spent, and number of veterans and/or military families served.