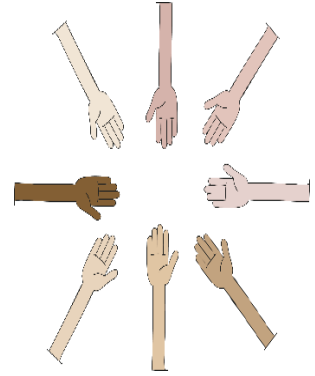




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The Holidays are over, and I check my mailbox (both snail-mail and email) every day looking forward to the reports, seeing how the Department of Maryland assisted their communities while letting them know that we are more than “just a Veterans organization.”

There are so many organizations out there that need our assistance not only during the holidays, but all year long. It can't be too hard to find them. Talk to the ones you helped out in the past. I am sure they would love to have our help again. Remember, the assistance I'm talking about is manpower, not monetary.

Don't forget to send in a report after you complete your projects. I know this is not the part that anyone likes to do, but it is especially important on so many levels. We are showing the community we care, and also letting Congress know that we are a vital part of the community. We need to report to keep our non-profit status. The services we provide would be cost-prohibitive if we lose our non-profit status. Some would cease to exist, and others would cost the taxpayers more money.

Make sure that you let people know that you are a VFW Auxiliary member by wearing some kind of identifying clothing, hat, pin, anything VFW Auxiliary. Chat people up and let them know that we not only love our veterans, but our communities too. Take pictures to use in the future so you can show how the VFW Auxiliary is an integral part of the community in so many ways. Pictures make for great publicity and can be used to entice new members.