

American Legion Auxiliary Department of California Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

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Bulletin #4

Hello VA&R Chairmen,

Blow your whistles! The Friendship Train is slowing down, preparing for its next stop at "Veterans Station", just in time for Veterans Day.

- What is Veterans Day? It is the day that gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans.
- Is it "Veteran's Day" or "Veterans Day"? It's "Veterans Day," not "Veteran's Day," for a good reason. The lack of the apostrophe might seem like a semantic choice, but it has a definite and deliberate meaning. According to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, "[Veterans Day](#)" is not a day that belongs to veterans, it is a day for honoring veterans directly in front of us right now.
- *What are you and/or your Unit going to do to honor the veterans of your community? (The answer to this question can be reported in #8 of the Mid-Year Report.)*

As we enter the Holiday Season, let's remember to give a helping hand to our homeless veterans. A few ideas are:

- Host or volunteer at homeless veterans' stand downs or events where homeless veterans receive free goods and services
- Help with meal preparation or have a holiday dinner at your Post
- Clothes collection and distribution
- Create a "Tree of Warmth" by collecting scarves, mittens, and hats and attach them to a tree where homeless frequent. You can include a sign that says "Please Take if Needed" or "Free if Needed"
- Have "crochet" parties or luncheons to make scarves and hats to give to homeless veterans or to fill the "Tree of Warmth".

Reminder: Keep track of the work you do for veterans by filling out the *tracking worksheets*. It will help you fill out the End-of-Year **Impact Report**. (*The examples above can be included.*)

Mid-Year Reports are due to the District VA&R Chairman by December 1st. District reports are due on December 15th.

Sunday, November 6th, we "fall back" to standard time. Don't forget!

(Blow your whistle) "All Aboard the Friendship Train Serving Veterans" – "Thanksgiving Station" ahead.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving whether it is with family or helping veterans, their families or others who don't have as much as you do.

"God Bless This Endeavor. God Speed the Train. God Speed the Peace."

--Rev. Clarence H. Parlous of St.Mark's Episcopal Church regarding the Friendship Train of 1947

Yours in Service,

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