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Hello Fellow Village People!

This month, we're all about **Building Engagement**—getting out there, rolling up our sleeves, and making a real impact in our communities. We have the power to transform lives through service, and it all starts with YOU!

Let's talk about the heart and soul of our mission: In Service, Not Self. Every moment you spend volunteering is a beacon of hope in your community. It's not just about logging hours; it's about making our communities better places to live by supporting local service projects. When we step up to serve, we create a ripple effect that can reach far beyond what we can see. Each act of service is a testament to the power of "The Village"—the hours we report echoes in the halls of Congress, reminding our nation's leaders just how essential our work is.

Now, I challenge you to think BIG! What can your District and Unit do to set your community on fire with enthusiasm and purpose? Whether it's organizing a local food drive, coordinating a blood drive, or adopting veterans and their families for the holidays, the opportunities are endless. Your creativity and passion are the fuel that will drive our mission forward. Gather your Village, brainstorm, and set some ambitious goals. Remember, there's no limit to what your Village can accomplish! Not sure where to start? Keep reading and I'll share National Days of Service that are calling your name and needing support!

The National Days of Service are prime opportunities to showcase our dedication and passion. It's where the magic happens! These are the moments specifically asked about on your mid-year and end-of-year reports:

- 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance – September 11, 2024
- Veterans Day – November 11, 2024
- Family Volunteer Day – November 22, 2024
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service – January 20, 2025
- American Legion Family Day – April 26, 2025
- National Volunteer Week – April 27 to May 4, 2025

Let's seize these days and make them count! Don't forget to publicize your efforts...

This is your time to shine! Get involved, take action, and don't forget to document your journey. Snap photos, share your stories, and let's celebrate the incredible impact we're making. Your experiences inspire others and help build a vibrant, connected "Village" within our organization.

I'm here to help amplify your successes. Share with me the incredible work you're doing, and together, we'll showcase the strength and spirit of our Village. While you are spreading the news, be sure to work with your Public Relations Chairman to share your successes with the newspapers and post on social media.

Let's go out there and make a difference—one project, one connection, one village at a time.  
Let's do this!

In Service, Not Self,

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Hello Fellow Village People,

We have lots of work to do and it's time to plan. To help, here's a list of holidays, events, military branch birthdays, and awareness months for the first half of our year. There are many ways to make a difference, pick a few dates and make your presence known.

## September 2024

- **Military Branch Birthday:**
  - **U.S. Air Force Birthday** - September 18
  - **National Air Guard Birthday** – September 18
- **Holidays/Events:**
  - **Labor Day** - September 2
  - **VJ (Victory over Japan) Day** – September 2
  - **National Day of Service and Remembrance, also known as Patriot Day** (Anniversary of 9/11) - September 11
  - **POW/MIA Recognition Day** - September 20
  - **Blue Star Welcome Week** – September 21-29
  - **Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day** - September 29
  - **VFW Day** – September 29
- **Awareness Month:**
  - **National Suicide Prevention Month**
  - **National Preparedness Month**
  - **National Service Dog Month**

## October 2024

- **Military Branch Birthday:**
  - **U.S. Navy Birthday** - October 13
- **Holidays/Events:**
  - **Columbus Day** - October 14
  - **National Day of the Deployed** – October 26
  - **Navy Day** – October 27
- **Awareness Month:**
  - **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**
  - **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**
  - **Energy Action Month**
  - **National Disability Employment Awareness Month**

## November 2024

- **Military Branch Birthday:**
  - **U.S. Marine Corps Birthday** – November 10
- **Holidays/Events:**
  - **Daylight Saving Time Ends** - November 3
  - **Election Day** - November 5
  - **Veterans Day** - November 11
  - **National Veterans Small Business Week** – November 11-15
  - **World Kindness Day** – November 13
  - **Thanksgiving** - November 28
  - **National Family Week** (Week of Thanksgiving)
- **Awareness Month:**
  - **National Veterans and Military Families Month**
  - **Warrior Care Month**
  - **National Family Caregivers Month**

## December 2024

- **Military Branch Birthday:**
  - **US Civil Air Patrol Birthday** – December 1
  - **National Guard Birthday** – December 13
  - **Space Force Birthday** – December 20
- **Holidays/Events:**
  - **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day** - December 7
  - **Wreaths Across America Day** – December 14
  - **Hanukkah** - December 25 - January 2
  - **Christmas Day** - December 25
  - **Kwanza** – December 26 to January 1, 2025
  - **New Year's Eve** - December 31
- **Awareness Month:**
  - **National Impaired Driving Prevention Month**

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