

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 6
2026-2027 Series

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1. VFW National Community Service reporting is designed to capture ongoing community service support conducted by each VFW Post throughout the year. This data is compiled and presented to Congress annually by VFW National to show our continued support to veterans and our local communities during and after military service.
2. Although National has established a program need, the local Department Commander oversees the program within their state, region or area designated by VFW National. The VFW Guide for Community Service Best Practice is a tool Commander's may use when developing their local guidance for reporting Community Service. **(Note: this is not an approved policy, or SOP, it is a guide)**
3. Reporting of Community Service hours must be submitted through the VFW Department of Delaware Community Service Reporting portal. Post Commander's shall designate Post community representative(s) to review and input Post membership volunteer submittals. District Commander's shall designate a district representative to review all Post submittals within their assigned District. The District's reviewer has the authority to approve or deny submittals based on proper supporting documentation.
4. Submittal of honor Guard hours for funerals must meet the following criteria to be approved:
 - a. Honor Guard teams shall not receive payment or donation for any service render for fallen comrades and be reported as community service hours.
 - b. Donations received for Honor Guard teams shall be kept in a separate account from the Post's general funds account and only be used to replenish honor guard equipment and activities needs. This account is subject to reporting requirements to the Department on a quarterly basis and subject to inspection by the Department Inspector.
(Examples: ammo supplies, weapons maintenance, uniforms, Honor Guard transport)
 - c. Honor Guard team leaders must submit daily events to include number of team members, numbers of funeral ceremonies conducted that day, miles travel per person, supplies used to support the funeral service in the description box. **(weekly and monthly roll ups are not authorized)**. This report must be submitted within 7 days of each event to be approved.
5. Honor Guard team leaders are encouraged to track each team member's participation throughout the year. A yearly Post Honor Guard report should reach the Department Commander no later than May 15th of each year, so the Department will be able to recognize Honor Guard team members during the Annual State VFW Convention.

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6. It is the responsibility of Post Commander to ensure proper training, and entries are made by the Post representative. All entries shall be made with integrity, accuracy, and entered the portal in a timely manner for approval.
7. Keep in mind that, that VFW National requires entries to be submitted each quarter to receive credit towards the All-American requirement. You are required to enter 25 entries annually to meet the All- State requirement.

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