

Comrades,

As a reminder, the DPA Community Outreach Program has been defined as support to local community organizations, charities, local community members in need, and other Veteran and Fraternal groups. It does not include support to veterans.

A review of CSR event inputs, Post websites and Facebook posts shows that 69% of DPA Posts conducted at least one community outreach event in January. Since July 2017 the monthly average is 71%. These figures slightly decreased from last month. The goal is 100% of DPA Posts to conduct at least one community outreach event every month.

Here are some events that were posted in January on the VFW DPA's new Around the Pacific Facebook group page. This new venue is a fantastic way to get the word out as it already has 322 members. Please remember to use #VFWPostPride as well as other hashtags to increase your visibility beyond the DPA.

- VFW Post 9892 La Union, Philippines: Delivered sports equipment, an electric stove and mixer for the TLE section. Basketball hoop and ring will be installed soon. This is for the B Flores Foundation School Phil., Inc school in Catbangan, SFC, La Union. 75 kids and several teachers were very thankful.
- VFW Post 12130 Cebu City, Philippines: Recycling material and providing the material to an indigent couple for them to feed and clothe their children.
- VFW Post 2485 Angeles City, Philippines: Supporting our fellow veterans of the Australian Returned and Services League, Angeles City Sub-Branch in their annual Celebration of Australia Day. Included in the Festivities was a Curry cooking contest and VFW Post 2485 placed first, with Cootie Pup Tent 15 finishing in second place and getting the Humdinger Award for the hottest curry. Proud to support our Australian comrades, and a great time.
- VFW Post 10223 Camp Humphreys, Korea: The Pacific Far East JROTC Marksmanship Championship was held at Humphreys High School on Jan. 31, 2018. Army, Marine, Air Force and Navy Junior Cadets from 11 schools across the Pacific participated in the competition. VFW Post 10223 Commander Donald E. Kelley assisted in the presentation of the individual and team awards. First place went to Kadena AB, Okinawa.

If you have any suggestions on ways your Post reaches out to the local communities and want to showcase it here, please let me know.

Yours in Comradeship,
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