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For those of you who are reading this report for the first time, 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.

I would like to congratulate Post 2485 Angeles City on their selection as 2017-2018 Outstanding Community Service Post for the Department. Month in and month out your Post, as others, put in a tremendous amount of work supporting your local community.

Unfortunately, I was unable to conduct a review the CSR event inputs for April so I do not have the percentage of DPA Post that conducted at least one community outreach event for the month. The reason is that when the Department JVC stated that he would be closing the CSRs on April 30<sup>th</sup> to close out the year I didn't realize that the data would not be viewable in early May. As the percentages were extremely consistent over the past months I suspect that 72% of DPA Posts would have conducted at least one event in April with the monthly average since July 2017 being 71%.

Here are the community outreach events that were posted in April on the VFW DPA's Around the Pacific Facebook group page. The number of posts posted was a marked increase over any previous month!

- Post 12146 Banchang Utapao's Post member Mike Mosley assisted with a charitable rice donation from Pattaya International Ladies Group. The group donated a four-month supply of rice to Ann's Home for Abandoned and Orphaned children.
- Post 12146 Banchang Utapao's CDR Ken Stein and SVC Jack Farrell visit the home of the Thailand Veterans Association (Banchang) to offer assistance with refurbishment efforts for their new post home.
- VFW Post 9612 Camp Zama hosted a game booth at the Military Children's Day event, and an evening BBQ and potluck at the Post.
- District 5 (Thailand Cambodia Australia) participated in ANZAC Day ceremonies at the War Memorial in Kanchanaburi. The District Posts had individual wreaths presented in honor of those many individuals that died working on the Death Railroad.
- VFW Post 12163 Perth participated in Perth's ANZAC Day March. Special thanks were given to SVC McNamara for her laying the wreath at Kings Park War Memorial representing the Post and later again at the service with Shenton Park and Mount Lawley.
- Post 1509 Yigo Guam participated in an ANZAC Day Remembrance ceremony.
- Post 8180 Osan and USO Volunteers served 372 personnel and dependents to include ROK Military at the Osan AB BBQ.
- VFW Post 9892 La Union along with the Lions Club and Rotary Club conducted a Meet & Great Pool Tournament at Enzo Restro.
- VFW Post 9892 La Union and Ocean Deep donated and installed a basketball backboard and rim to the B Flores Foundation School in La Union, Philippines.

Quote of the month: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

Yours in Comradeship,  
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