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If you attended any of Department President Linda's "Wild West Shows" (workshops), you know that the Community Service Chairmen have been named the Civic Organization of Women or COWs of Fort Friendly in keeping with the western theme. And every COW will become a "moo-ving" force in our communities.

One of the first things we all can do to start off our year of service is to plan one or more activities for "Make a Difference Day" in October. There are many veteran's in each unit's realm that could benefit from your good deeds. If they are shut-in visit them with a gift, if they need help offer to paint, clean up the yard or run errands for them. Offer to babysit for a young parent whose spouse is deployed so they can have some free time to shop or relax. Any act of kindness will make a difference to someone. And after you have accomplished all these deeds of kindness be sure to include them in your reports.

Also this year, I want you to report to me any member in your Unit, active or inactive, that does an outstanding job of community volunteering. This is separate from your Member of the Year if you have that. I am looking for those members who, because of obligations to other community organizations, remain loyal members but may not be recognized for their many hours of volunteer work. They volunteer at churches, hospitals, other Veteran's Organization's or Community Organizations. They may spend hours sewing or knitting and volunteer to distribute poppies but cannot always find the time to attend meetings. Look in every corner to your membership and submit to me the name, activity, address and phone number, if available, of anyone you think deserves special recognition. Department President Linda and I would like to do this on a monthly basis so please send me your choices. You can send one (or more) every month, that would be great.

I do not have the 2011-2012 Plan of Action from National as of this writing but as soon as I do I will be letting you know more about activities in the Community Service Program such as "Operation Military Kids", "CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)" and others. Last year's plan is on the National website if you would like to get an idea of what you can plan for.

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