Community Impact Day
QUICKSTART GUIDE

Why it matters
DAV believes that “thank you for your service” is more than words; it’s action. When you give even an hour of your time to a veteran, you show them they are valued and appreciated. It doesn’t have to be complicated or time-consuming to get involved. One heartfelt, simple act of service added to others compounds to create an immeasurable effect.

- Anyone—not just veterans—can volunteer with DAV!
- Everyone has a gift or a skill that can make a difference. Never underestimate what you offer.
- We hope this inspires more people to get involved in community service year-round.

Spread the word
Volunteering with others is more fun, so get your friends to join you to make an even bigger impact! Here are some helpful ways to do this.

- Realize the power of face-to-face conversations. A simple, direct ask is often the most effective way to get people in your community to join you.
- Complement your conversations with social media, texts and emails, but don’t rely on them as the only ways you get others to join in.
- Seek input from others to help uncover ideas and identify needs in your area.
- Encourage others to visit communityimpactday.org to pledge an hour of their time.

Act
April 6 is DAV Community Impact Day, so make a plan to get out there and serve! Teach, fix, host or donate—your imagination is your limit, but here are a few ideas to get you started volunteering for veterans.

- Clean up veterans’ yard or mow their lawns.
- Bring a meal and visit with a veteran who is homebound.
- Organize a Homeless Veterans Stand Down.
- Help with basic home repairs.
- Clean headstones at your local veterans cemetery.
- Maintain or spruce up a local veterans memorial or marker.
- Host a donation drive for clothing or other needed items for a veterans homeless shelter.
- Collect items and create care packages for hospitalized veterans.
- Read to veterans who are blind.
- Host a pancake breakfast for community veterans.
- Donate blood for your local Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility.
- Teach a class that could benefit those veterans who’ve served.
- Make quilts, blankets, hats or scarves for veterans.
- Write letters thanking veterans.
- Paint a mural honoring your community’s veterans.
- Create a newsletter highlighting stories of veterans in your community.

Share
We want to see what you did! Make sure to take lots of photos and videos.

- Visit dav.memfox.io/communityimpactday and tell us about your volunteer experience.
- Don’t forget to add captions and tell us who’s in the photos.
- We’ll share some of our favorite stories and ideas in DAV Magazine and on social media.

Go deeper
If you’d like to extend your service to veterans beyond one day, DAV has plenty of opportunities for you to be involved.

- Driving veterans to their VA medical appointments is our biggest enduring need. Learn more about volunteering with the DAV Transportation Network at driveforveterans.org.
- Volunteers are always needed at VA medical facilities and local DAV chapters. Visit volunteerforveterans.org to let us know you’re available, and we’ll connect you to the right person in your area.

Here to help
Don’t hesitate to reach out to DAV Voluntary Services via email at volunteer@dav.org if you have any questions about this event or any other volunteer opportunities.