



Community Impact Day QUICKSTART GUIDE



GET STARTED IN 3 STEPS:

PICK something you can do. **INVITE** others to join you. **SHOW UP** and share your results.

Thank you for pledging your time for DAV Community Impact Day. We're unifying communities across the United States for a day of service and volunteerism to support veterans, their families and survivors.

Why it matters

DAV believes that "thank you for your service" is more than words; it's action.

- **Your skills are valuable.** Never underestimate what you offer.
- **Even an hour** can make a difference.
- **One simple, heartfelt act** added to others creates an immeasurable effect.
- **Service is contagious.** We want to inspire more people to volunteer 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.
- **Use social media, texts and emails**, but don't rely on them as the only way 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

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

Home & Outdoor

- **Clean up** a veteran's yard or mow their lawn.
- **Clean** headstones at your local veterans' cemetery.
- **Help** with basic home repairs.

Care & Fellowship

- **Bring** a meal to a homebound veteran.
- **Read** to visually impaired veterans.
- **Host** a pancake breakfast.

Give & Create

- **Host** a donation drive.
- **Collect** items for care packages for hospitalized veterans.
- **Make** quilts/hats/blankets.

Advocacy & Awareness

- **Write letters** thanking veterans.
- **Become** an advocate with [DAVCAN.org](https://davecans.org).
- **Organize** a Homeless Veterans Stand Down.

Share

We want to see what you did, so 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 the 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.

- **Volunteer with the DAV Transportation Network:** driveforveterans.org
- **Community and VA volunteer opportunities:** volunteerforveterans.org
- **Connect with a DAV chapter or Auxiliary unit:** benefitsquestions.org
- **DAV youth volunteer scholarships:** davscholarships.org

HERE TO HELP: Don't hesitate to reach out to DAV Voluntary Services via email at vavs@dav.org if you have any questions about this event or other volunteer opportunities.