



# ILLINOIS AMVETS PROGRAMS REPORTING FORM



POST NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

REPORTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Categories #	Comments	Number of Volunteers	Number of Hours	Number of Miles	Number of Vehicles Used	Expenses Spent	Donations

**ALL REPORTS SHOULD BE SENT TO STATE HEADQUARTERS PROGRAMS DIRECTOR CRYSTAL BLAKEMAN**

**Program Categories:**

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## PROGRAM CATEGORIES DEFINITIONS

AADAA - AMVETS Against Drugs and Alcohol Abuse, administering the AADAA Poster & Essay Contest and/or supporting a local community group working with a "recovery" program.

Americanism - Poster & Essay Contest, Parades, Public Ceremonies, etc.

AMVETS Riders- Community Programs specific to our AMVETS Riders. You must enter a brief comment explaining the nature of the community service.

AMVETS Taskforce DVD- Collect new or used DVDs to be sent to our Troops overseas. Posts promote the AMVETS Taskforce DVD program. Contribute cash for the purpose of mailing DVDs to our Troops. Place collection boxes in high pedestrian traffic areas in local communities and monitor the need to pick up and ship full boxes to the distribution center in Columbus, Ohio. (List locations and number of boxes placed, in the comment field.)

Army Community Covenant Signing-Ceremonies" demonstrating support for our nation's military and their families. Those your Post initiates and/or formally supports.

Blood Drives - Sponsoring/hosting a community blood drive on behalf of the American Red Cross or providing members to donate for other community sponsored drives.

PLEASE NOTE: According to AABB, as blood is freely donated by volunteers, there is no monetary value that may be reported. Patients that receive blood do not pay for the actual blood itself, rather the services applied to processing blood products (i.e. infectious testing, typing, etc.) Please report the "pints" donated in the "comment field."

Care Bears - Raising money and purchasing Teddy Bears to donate to police agencies for distribution to children in emergency situations.

Clothing & Food Drives - Pretty straight forward, conducting your own or providing manpower to assist other organizations.

Communications/Public Relations Officer Activity: As an example - Your Post PRO could report a special effort he/she has made on a particular program.

Fund Raising - DO NOT REPORT DONATIONS YOU GIVE TO OTHERS HERE. (Donations given to your Post by other groups/individuals could be reported here. The amount would not go in the Donation Column, you would put the amount received and from who, in the Comment Field.) This category should be used to report what fund raising projects you are doing. How your post raises money to be used for your various veteran and community projects.

Homeless Veterans - Conducting or supporting Stand Downs, counseling, donations to agencies working on behalf of Homeless Veterans, participating in a community Continuum of Care.

Legislative Activity: As an example - Your Post could report time spent by members directly involved with state legislative work on behalf of veterans and/or work in support of specific veteran legislative issues on Capitol Hill.

Membership Activity: As an example - Your 1st Vice Commander for Membership could report a specific membership drive. (Booth at County Fair, gave out 200 membership applications.)

Military Funeral Honors - For Posts with volunteers and/or formal Honor Guards that participate in conducting MFH for our veterans at any cemetery.

Organ & Bone Marrow Donor Program - Cooperating with local community groups or doing stand-alone programs using our literature. Soliciting members to serve as Bone Marrow Donors.

Other (Community Service - Be specific)- This category should only be used if one of the other (20) specific categories do not match the program you are conducting.

Prisoner Of War/Missing In Action - Provide support to families, conduct POW/MIA ceremonies at community military and veterans gatherings.

Reserve Officer Training Corp - Donating, presenting the AMVETS ROTC awards and/or conducting JROTC drill competitions.

SAD SACKS (only)- Community Programs specific to our Sad Sacks. You must enter a brief comment explaining the nature of the community service.

Scholarship Assistance- Report local Scholarship Awards by Posts & Departments. Also, report all promotional efforts being made to disseminate information and applications for AMVETS National Scholarships, including those AMVETS Scholarships being sponsored by the University of Phoenix, DeVry University and Kaplan University.

Scouting - Chartering Boy Scout and/or Girl Scout units, serving as merit badge counselors, facilitating the presentation of AMVETS Eagle Scout Certificates.

Sick or Hospitalized Veterans - Visiting/Helping home bound vets and/or Hospitalized Vets. Not to be confused with VAVS hours that should only be reported through the VA Medical Centers. (We do not want to double count the hours.)

Special Olympics - Serving as volunteer trainers, judges and support staff for local competitions. Providing financial assistance.

Support for National Guard Troops- Since signing a Memorandum of Understanding in late March 2005, AMVETS specific support for the Guard has really expanded. For the purpose of this special focus, we have determined the need to track this data separate from all other military support. If the support relates directly to a Family Assistance Center, please note this in the comment field.

Support Our Troops (Not Guard Specific)- Conducting deployment farewells and returning celebrations, providing assistance to families by helping with children, doing repairs, etc. Providing financial assistance for phone cards, voices from home, and time/money directly to base family support units. Mailing care packages.

Veteran Service/Claims Activity: As an example - Your Post Service Officer could report any specific facility and/or contacts made for referrals. Veterans transported to VA Medical Centers.

Veterans History Project - Facilitating the gathering of Veterans stories in an organized manner and within the parameters established by the Library of Congress.

White Clover - There are variations on this program, but the classic is the sale of the AMVETS White Clovers for the specific purpose of raising funds to assist our hospitalized veterans.