



DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA  
SPRING  
CONFERENCE  
LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

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*VA&R and National Security*

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# PURPOSE STATEMENTS

## VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

Promote programs and services that assist and enhance the lives of veterans and their families, ensuring restoration and or transitioning to normally functioning lives.

## NATIONAL SECURITY

Promote a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting active-duty military servicemembers and their families.

Source: National Constitution and Bylaws & Standing Rules

# WHERE SHOULD YOU REPORT THESE?



Donating hygiene items to your local VA Medical Center



Donating goods to your local Fisher House



Sponsoring a community preparedness seminar with first responders or CERT training along with the Legion Family at your post home



Hosting a baby shower for military families

# WHERE SHOULD YOU REPORT THESE?



Organizing a *Welcome Home* event for servicemembers returning from deployment



Making “goodie bags” for the USO at your local airport



Hosting a BINGO event at your local VA



Donating to *Veterans and Athletes United*

# WHERE SHOULD YOU REPORT THESE?



Assisting at a VCAF event



Working on a project with *Blue Star Families*



Participating in a *Stand Down* event



Volunteering with an *Honor Flight* event

# Understanding the Difference

## National Security

supports servicemembers and their families

### What You Do:

- Support troops families on military installations
- Send off / Welcome Home ceremonies
- Troop care packages
- Blue Star Banners
- POW MIA Initiatives
- Salute to Servicemembers Award



Transitioning

## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

supports veterans and their families

### What You Do:

- Support veterans at VA Health care facilities
- Support healing through Veterans Creative Arts Festival
- Support families and caregivers
- Support veterans in your community

# Supporting our military affiliated populations

## Service Officers



**Encourage servicemembers who are leaving the military to meet and greet local Service Officers to gain understanding about VA benefits**

## Reporting

- Impact Numbers
- End of Year Reporting
- Awards
- Events
- Activities



**Not sure where/how to report an activity or event? The most important item is to report. In one program, not both programs**



# CAN YOU REPORT...



Hours wearing a  
RED shirt on Friday?



Time spent on  
*Buddy Checks*?



Touring a military  
installation?



Delivering items to  
service members?



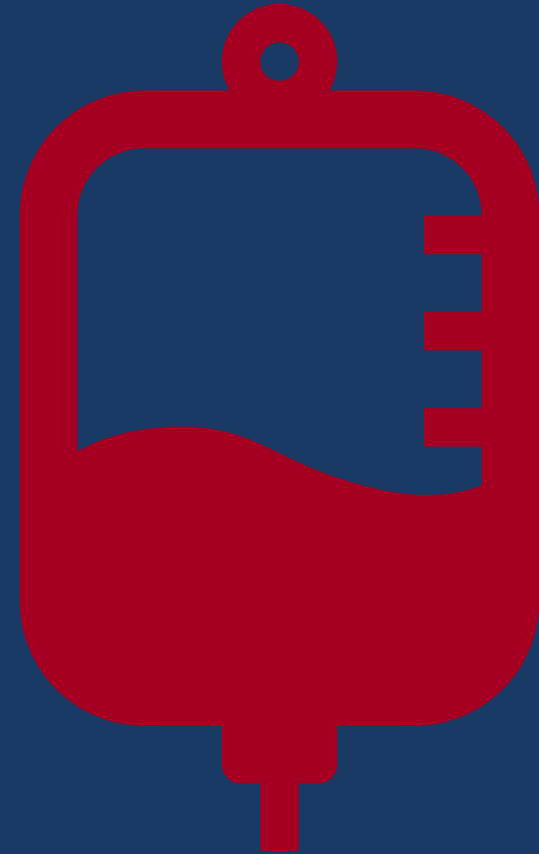
# WHERE SHOULD MEMBERS REPORT ACTIVITY RELATED TO BLOOD DRIVES?

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If the blood drive is specific to the military, then that is counted under National Security. If specific to a VA facility, then it is counted under VA&R.

If it is directed to the community or region - anything other than specific to military or veterans - it should be reported under Community Service.

Working or donating at a blood drive should be counted as impact under the appropriate category.



Questions?