

Oct. 11, 2015: National DAR Day of Service

How will your chapter leave a legacy?

50 suggestions to inspire your thinking!

Historic Preservation

- Refurbish a local monument/marker.
- Clean headstones in your cemetery.
- Index/document grave sites of local Revolutionary War Patriots.
- Sponsor a genealogy workshop or hold a lecture on local history.
- Commission a mural that celebrates your community's past.
- Support a local historic site with a project or fundraiser.
 - Capture the stories of your town's octogenarians on video.
 - Serve as docents.
 - Research, share and celebrate the historic service work of your chapter.



Education

- Stage a reading festival at your library.
- Collect new or gently used books for donation to local schools.
 - Gather art supplies for a nursery or grade school.
- Stage a patriotic art show – display it in a local park.
- Organize a history trivia contest with fun prizes.
 - Assist other groups in creating a playground.
 - Enlist with Literacy Volunteers of America.
- Help your local high school form a History Club of America.



Patriotism

- Throw a thank you party at your local VA Medical Center.
- Welcome home returning soldiers.
 - Erect a flag pole or sponsor a Naturalization ceremony.
 - Adopt the family of a deployed military hero.
- Collect requested supplies for local military transition units.
 - Donate Flags to Main Street businesses.
 - Salute organizations that proudly and properly display the Flag.
 - Honor Vietnam Veterans with a special celebration.
- Surprise every veteran you know with a homemade cake and a thank you.
- Collect gently used suits to provide returning veterans with confidence for their job interviews.



Conservation

- Plant a community garden.
 - Complete a civic beautification project.
 - Donate a tree to your local library or village center.
- Collect cans and donate the deposits to an environmental cause.
- Conduct a roadside, shoreline or parkwide cleanup.
- Deliver wildflowers to a nursing home or to local shut ins.
 - Remove invasive species at a nature preserve.
- Coordinate community support to install/restore landscaping at a landmark, intersection, etc.
 - Volunteer to be a part of a local bird count.
 - Cover up graffiti.
- Sponsor a photography contest featuring the most beautiful outdoor scene in your town.
- Recycle items via a garage sale, and donate the proceeds to beautify your local park.

Women's Issues/Community

- Participate in (or even staff) a fund-raising walk/run for a woman's issue.
 - Conduct a blood drive.
 - Rake yards, mow lawns or weed gardens for local seniors.
- Perform music, a play or skit at an assisted living center.
 - Knit gifts for neonatal units or veterans.
 - Deliver Meals on Wheels.
- Introduce a senior to the magic of a computer or the Internet.
- Join with your HODARs to volunteer as part of Habitat for Humanity or the United Way.
 - Donate/cook meals for a homeless shelter.
 - Volunteer for sorting at a local food bank.
- Send cards to hospital patients.