

Members reported 12,376 hours assisting and serving veterans and veterans' families. Around \$53,300 was spent, and 6,500 veterans and families were reached.

Units reported helping their Legion Posts with holiday celebrations, parades, bingo, programs, and Centennial celebrations this year. Meals were served for various activities, including Memorial Day programs and Veterans Day programs. Cards and gifts were given, either to the veterans personally or sent to nursing homes, the Veterans Home in Lisbon, and the VA Medical Center in Fargo.

Units donated items to Veterans Closets at the offices of county Veteran Service Officers. These items are in turn given to the veterans in need of paper goods, personal hygiene items, hats, and gloves.

Reports sent in also mentioned the following projects: sewing quilts, making children's busy bags and wheelchair bags, putting together move-in baskets for the homeless veterans transitioning into permanent housing, game nights, ice cream socials, bake sales, memorial dedications, and motorcycle runs.

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