

In 2022-2023, forty-eight North Dakota units reported activity in support of veterans, military families, and their local communities. One of the activities reported was participation in veterans appreciation programs which included inviting the public to attend. One unit hosted an annual "Poppy" breakfast and included their junior members in the planning, preparation, and clean-up. Other units indicated they included community members in many of their projects such as: placing flags on graves, holding fundraisers, cleaning up local parks and cemeteries, and working concession stands at their local high schools.

I noted that members and units that took time to report were from small communities with active high schools. The correlation I see here is that small communities, whether through a school or a church, tend to nurture student involvement in civic activity.

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