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## Citizenship in Action Program

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**Objective:** Educate members and others about the importance of active citizenship, and encourage participation in related activities.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS

#### Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Inc.

- ✚ Recognize the dedication and patriotism of women who have served in defense of the country by inviting them to speak at club meetings and community forums.
- ✚ Honor local servicewomen, women military leaders, and women veterans. Provide support for these women in the community.
- ✚ Sponsor WIMSA registration drives at the club, district, or state level. Although two million women have served, only 15% are registered. (See Resources)
- ✚ Encourage the governor, mayor, or city council to proclaim the week preceding Veterans' Day as "Women Veterans Recognition Week."
- ✚ Find and identify women veterans (members and non-members, living or deceased); send their information to WIMSA with designation that the names were sent by a GFWC club.

#### Department of Veterans Affairs

- ✚ Assist with the cataloging of monuments at national cemeteries.
- ✚ Seek volunteer opportunities through the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service. Assist with the care of outpatients in Community Care Clinics as well as in Veterans Hospitals. (See Resources)
- ✚ Conduct projects that recognize and honor all veterans.
- ✚ Support and create ways to observe the National Day of Remembrance. Promote the Moment of Remembrance at 3:00 p.m. on Memorial Day each year. (See Resources)
- ✚ Encourage young veterans to join the Veterans Association. (See Resources)

## Sew Much Comfort

Sew Much Comfort fills the adaptive clothing need for veterans with special medical devices and situations. Volunteers design, create, and deliver clothing that provides service members with comfort and help them maintain their dignity.

- ✚ Investigate Sew Much Comfort's website at [www.SewMuchComfort.org](http://www.SewMuchComfort.org) for information.
- ✚ Consider club participation as seamstresses; request an informational packet online.
- ✚ Support Sew Much Comfort with monetary donations.

## Supporting Military Members and their Families

- ✚ Collect and send coupons to military families overseas. When received, volunteers onsite sort and distribute. Note that military commissaries will redeem coupons up to six months after they have expired. Visit <http://couponing.about.com/blexp.htm>.
- ✚ Support Homes for Our Troops, a non-profit group that builds specially adapted homes for disabled veterans. Visit [www.HomesForOurTroops.org](http://www.HomesForOurTroops.org).
- ✚ Support Fisher House, a home that helps family members to be close to loved ones during hospitalization for an illness, disease, or injury. There is a Fisher House in Georgia located in Ft. Gordon, Georgia. Visit [www.FisherHouse.org](http://www.FisherHouse.org).
- ✚ Investigate the 10 in 10 Project developed by the Brain Injury Association. Visit [www.10in10Project.org](http://www.10in10Project.org).
- ✚ Support Hugs for Soldiers. In existence since 2003, this Duluth, Ga.-based organization is dedicated to offering comforts from home and brightening a soldier's day by sending care packages, snacks, or letters of thanks or encouragement to our soldiers. Visit [www.hugsforsoldiers.com](http://www.hugsforsoldiers.com) for more information.
- ✚ Support Cell Phones for Soldiers. Over 400,000 prepaid calling cards have been distributed to soldiers around the world. Their goal is to help our soldiers serving overseas call home. Visit [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com).
- ✚ Support the Hugs Project by making cooling scarves for our soldiers serving overseas. Visit [www.thehugsproject.com/coolties](http://www.thehugsproject.com/coolties).

## Citizenship Participation

- ✚ VOTE and encourage others to do the same.
- ✚ Invite candidates to speak at club meetings or organize a community forum, making sure all candidates are included. Use the GFWC Legislation and Public Policy Program resources as a further guide.
- ✚ Encourage qualified women to seek elected or appointed office. GFWC members can use leadership experience gained through GFWC activities to become effective legislators.
- ✚ Urge members to become registrars, work at the polls, and give rides to voters in need.
- ✚ Consider running for public office.
- ✚ Encourage schools to engage future voters, our youth, with innovative programs on elections and the legislative process. Encourage young people to vote.
- ✚ Encourage young people to take active roles in community decisions, including urging students to sit on school boards.
- ✚ Investigate what you should expect from judicial candidates. Visit [www.ABANet.org](http://www.ABANet.org).

- # Work with the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political membership organization that encourages informed, active participation of citizens in government. Visit [www.LWV.org](http://www.LWV.org).
- # Celebrate International Human Rights Day, December 10. Visit [www.UN.org](http://www.UN.org) for information.
- # Help someone study for the U.S. Citizenship Test. Visit [www.USCitizenship.org](http://www.USCitizenship.org) for more information.
- # Investigate and support The White House Project which is dedicated to advancing women's leadership by enhancing public perceptions of women's capacity to lead and fostering the entry of women into positions of leadership. Visit [www.TheWhiteHouseProject.org](http://www.TheWhiteHouseProject.org).

## PATRIOTISM

- # Establish an avenue of flags in your community.
- # Donate flags to schools, parks, libraries, community centers and senior citizen centers.
- # Publicize flag flying days in local newspapers and club newsletters.
- # Encourage members to fly a flag at their residence and to wear flag pins, ribbons, etc.
- # Recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
- # Support the National Museum of Patriotism by serving as docents, sponsor youth field trips, club visits, and promote community awareness. Visit [www.museumofpatriotism.org](http://www.museumofpatriotism.org).
- # Support the "Save the Flag Campaign" promoted by the Georgia Capitol Museum. This project was instituted to help repair and preserve the over 82 historic flags at the Museum. Visit [www.sos.state.ga.us/museum/save\\_the\\_flag\\_campaign.html](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/museum/save_the_flag_campaign.html).
- # Support Operation National Anthem which is a program to remind everyone to sing the National Anthem in honor of those that have fought for our freedoms. Visit [www.operationnationalanthem.com](http://www.operationnationalanthem.com).
- # Investigate Liberty Day, a nonpartisan grassroots celebration of the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. Declaration of Independence. Visit [www.LibertyDay.org](http://www.LibertyDay.org).
- # Celebrate the National Anthem Project, the campaign to get America singing "The Star Spangled Banner" while spotlighting the important role music education plays. Visit [www.TheNationalAnthemProject.org](http://www.TheNationalAnthemProject.org).
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## RESOURCES

### Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS)

810 Vermont Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20420  
202-273-8951  
Contact: Jim Delgado, Director Vol.  
Service

### White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance

1750 New York Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
202-783-4665; Fax: 202-783-1168  
E-mail: [remembrance@ngl.org](mailto:remembrance@ngl.org)  
Contact: Carmella LaSpada

**Paralyzed Veterans of America**

801 18th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
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**Women in Military Service for America  
Memorial Foundation, Inc. (WIMSA)**

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Arlington, VA 22204  
703-533-1155 Fax: 703-931-4208  
1-800-222-2294  
E-mail: [wimsa@aol.com](mailto:wimsa@aol.com)  
Internet: [www.womensmemorial.org](http://www.womensmemorial.org)  
Contact: Marilla Cushman, Director of  
Public Relations

**National Museum of Patriotism**

1405 Spring Street  
Atlanta, GA 30309  
1-877-276-1692  
Internet: [www.museumofpatriotism.org](http://www.museumofpatriotism.org)  
Contact: George Wieder

**American Legion**

Center for Education Resources  
P.O. Box 1055  
Indianapolis, IN 46206  
Internet: [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

**Sew Much Comfort**

13805 Frontier Lane  
Burnsville, MN 55337  
E-mail: [ginger@sewmuchcomfort.org](mailto:ginger@sewmuchcomfort.org)  
Internet: [www.sewmuchcomfort.org](http://www.sewmuchcomfort.org)

**Hugs for Soldiers**

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Internet: [www.hugsforsoldiers.org](http://www.hugsforsoldiers.org)

**The Fisher House**

Fisher House Road  
Building 280  
Fort Gordon, GA 30905  
706-787-7100  
Internet: [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)  
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**The Hugs Project**

P.O. Box 6761  
Edmund, OK 73083-6761  
[www.thehugsproject.com](http://www.thehugsproject.com)

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION PROGRAM AWARDS**

**PAST STATE JUNIOR DIRECTORS CITIZENSHIP AWARD:** (Junior Clubs) A silver tray is presented annually at the Junior Conference Luncheon, to a Junior Club for the best overall work in citizenship in the Public Affairs Department Special Projects. This ten (10) year award will be presented for the first time at the 2007 State Convention and for the last time at the 2016 State Convention. This award is given by the Georgia Past State Junior Directors' Club and will be retired to the Tallulah Falls School in 2017. The winning club may have its name and the year engraved on the back of the award. This award will be judged from the Public Affairs Department Citizenship in the Community reports.

**STONE MOUNTAIN WOMAN'S CLUB PATRIOTISM AWARD:** (General or Junior Clubs) A citation and cash award of \$100.00 will be awarded to the club for the most outstanding and innovative project promoting love of the USA and patriotism. This award is given by the Stone Mountain Woman's Club and will be presented for the first time at the 2003 State Convention and for the last time at the 2010(\*) State Convention. It will be judged from the Citizenship in the Community reports under the Public Affairs Department.

\*Renewed in 2008 for two (2) additional years.

**Club:** A \$50 award is given annually to one club in the national to recognize creativity in implementing an effective Citizenship in Action Program. The award is based on narrative reports. State GFWC Citizenship in Action Program chairman should forward the winning state entry to the national GFWC Citizenship in Action Program Chairman by March 15 of each year.

**State:** GFWC certificates are awarded to one state federation in each membership category to recognize outstanding achievement in the GFWC Citizenship in Action Program. Award presentations are made annually in honor of junior and general membership participation.

**Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Inc.:** WIMSA will award certificates of appreciation in 2010 to those states that have done outstanding work with the Foundation from 2008-2010 in honor of junior and general participation.

**Department of Veterans Affairs:** The Department of Veterans Affairs will award certificates of appreciation in 2010 to those states that have done outstanding work with the Department of Veterans Affairs from 2008-2010 in honor of junior and general participation.