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**Is your club's patriotism evident in your community?**

If your club year is just starting after a summer break, I urge you to check Bulletin No. 1 and No. 2 on the [GFWCFlorida.org](http://GFWCFlorida.org) website for project ideas. And don't forget to send your club's reports to Bonnie Wine, GFWC Florida Public Issues Partnership Chairman and myself. We both need to receive the same Public Issues report from your club.

**What is your club doing to mark the 10th Anniversary of 9/11?** There are events scheduled for New York City, Shanksville, Pa, and Arlington, Va., but each community in Florida can also mark the anniversary in some way. Here are some national events that may inspire you.

9-11 Healing and Remembrance program offers many programs. Call 1-866-212-0444; or check the website: [www.9-11HealingandRemembrance.org](http://www.9-11HealingandRemembrance.org) They provide assistance to any family member affected by 9-11 victims.

Usacares.org recognizes firefighters who lost their lives on Sept. 11.

Did you know there were more than 950 working dog teams at the various 9/11 attack sites. They are being recognized at [WWW.findingoneanother.org](http://WWW.findingoneanother.org) . The 10th anniversary of 9/11 is an opportunity to pay tribute to the members of the Canine Search and Rescue (SAR) Community who served so heroically following the 9/11 attacks and whose work continues today. Finding One Another (FOA) seeks to support the needs of the SAR field, the individual canines and their first responder human partners.

Your community could make homemade treats for firefighters and police officers to thank them for their service. You can donate to your local canine shelter in honor of the dogs who helped during 9/11. I'm sure you can think of other ideas.

**What are you doing to help our active military?** You can send greeting cards, gift and phone cards in packages, along with other goodies. Adopt an individual service person or an entire unit. Never forget their service to America.

**Do you have women veterans in your community and/or your club?** Invite them to speak at your meeting. You can recognize them in many ways, from giving them flowers to holding a recognition party.

**Have you visited your local VA hospital?** They are in constant need of items to give homeless veterans, as well as items for the ones in the medical center. Socks, underwear and hygiene items are in high demand, and greeting cards, table and tray decorations can cheer up a patient. Don't forget women who are VA patients.

**Are you serving your community as an elected official?** GFWC encourages women to run for public office.

**Flags are a great way to show your patriotism.** Encourage members to fly them on holidays. Do you know the proper way to dispose of an old flag? Your local VFW and scout troop will accept them, and later burn them (the proper disposal method). Do you know how to correctly fold a flag? Invite a Girl Scout troop to your meeting to show you.