



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET
Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2022

Chairman: Carrie Surich		Club: La Habra Woman's Club	
Number of Members (from CFWC Yearbook): 44		District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Civic Engagement and Outreach Chairman			
Reporter's Address: [REDACTED]			
City: [REDACTED]		Stat: [REDACTED]	Zip: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]		Phone: [REDACTED]	
Civic Engagement and Outreach			
Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO			

Project Title: "Honor Her Service" Tea Hours 75 Donated \$100 In Kind \$ 650

This is the second year our club has held an event to honor our female veterans. In planning last year we heard many times from them that they very seldom have the opportunity to talk about their time serving in the military. This year we planned a tea. Five club members volunteered to decorate and hostess a table.

Invitations were mailed to those that attended last year, as well as others they knew who had served. The event was announced at our District meeting as well as published in the District Peal. Four District clubwomen attended. The event was also published on Face Book and local NextDoor pages. We had twenty-one veterans attend as well as three guests.

When the ladies arrive, they are offered a mimosa, introduced to their hostess and soon thereafter tea was served. The hostesses as well as three other members provided the food.

The event is purely a social event with no agenda. The women are given the opportunity to talk to each other and also tell stories to the group, which several did.

This year we contacted Quilts of Valor, a national non-profit organization of quilters who donate their time and fabric to make quilts for anyone who has served in the military. The quilts are registered so no person is able to receive more than one. A list of attendees including their branch of service and rank was sent to them prior to the event. Two members from a local chapter brought the quilts to the tea. Each veteran was presented her quilt and modeled it as it was given to her. The quilts were beautiful; full sized and each one different. It was a surprise to the ladies a very much appreciated.

Our challenge now is to find something different but just as nice for next year.

Project Title: Paracord Bracelets Hours 20 Donated \$118 In Kind -0-

Our club purchased paracord kits from Operation Gratitude. Following a meeting an instruction video was shown and members assembled the bracelets to be mailed to Operation Gratitude. These bracelets are included in care packages to troops and can be used for a variety of purposes.

Project Title: Memorial Day Flag Placing Hours 15. Donated -0- In Kind -0-

Five members, along with children and grandchildren, arrived at Loma Vista Memorial Park in Brea on the Saturday prior to Memorial Day to place flags and crosses on the graves of veterans. Each group is given a map of a particular area of the cemetery that shows which graves are those of veteran. It's our job to locate the headstone and place a flag at it as well as a cross if he is known to be Christian. This is project that we have participated in for many years.

Project Title: Wreaths Across America. Hours 9 Donated \$150 In Kind -0-

This is a project our club has participated in the past several years. This is a nationwide project, the purpose being to Remember, Honor and Teach. At 9:00 am on the second Saturday in December at cemeteries across the nation, including Arlington National Cemetery, a wreath is placed at the headstone of a veteran. We are very fortunate that Memory Garden Memorial Park in Brea is one of the participating sites.

As the wreath is placed you are to say the veterans name so he is remembered and thank him for his service. Prior to the placing of the wreaths there is a ceremony including a color guard from a local high school, battle reenactment groups, and civic and military leaders. A member from each of the participating groups; VFW, American Legion, DAR, non-profits, and others, is asked to proceed under a saber arch to place a wreath at the cemetery's veteran's memorial.

Our club purchased 15 wreaths and sadly, due to illness only three members were able to participate that morning

Project Title: Cup of Joe for a Joe Hours Donated \$80 In Kind. -0-

Our club had four members participate in this program, each purchasing \$20 in coffee to veterans visiting a Green Beans coffee stand at a base or airport overseas.