

‘Fuel for the Next Effort’

Tucson, Arizona, VFW Post 10254 Quartermaster Jason Khalaf says choosing a Day of Service activity that your members care about makes all the difference

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Jason Khalaf, quartermaster of VFW Post 10254 in Tucson, Arizona, has some advice for other VFW Posts when planning [Day of Service](#) activities: “Choose something that your members care about — it makes a huge difference.”

When Post 10254 considered its 2025 VFW Day of Service event, it was a natural fit to partner with Southwestern Animal Rescue, a local veteran-founded nonprofit organization.

This year, the Post is hosting an adoption event to support rescued animals, including dogs, cats, horses and goats. Community members are invited to attend and help these animals find their new homes.

Khalaf shared a tip for other Posts when planning Day of Service events: “Work with groups you already have relationships with — it builds trust and momentum fast.”

Post 10254 is confident that the Day of Service will be a win-win for all involved. Not only will rescued animals be adopted by loving families, but VFW members and local citizens will reap the benefits of coming together for a shared worthy cause.

Khalaf believes collaborations with mission-based partners, like the adoption event, are also helpful in sharing the story of how veterans are giving back in their communities.

“These efforts spotlight how veterans continue to lead, support and care — often in quiet but powerful ways,” he said.

Khalaf offered some final suggestions for a successful Day of Service.

“Promote early, delegate tasks, and make sure to involve both veterans and civilians. And

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always take a moment at the end to reflect on what you did together. That shared pride is fuel for the next effort.”