No Perfect World

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In regard to serving others via the VFW, there may be some of you out there saying to yourself, “When I’ve got my act together…” “As soon as my kid’s baseball season ends…” “When duck hunting season is finished…” Each statement like those indicates that when things get perfect, then we’ll get involved. Unfortunately, there is no perfect time or any perfect opportunity to serve.

There is only one I know that might be considered “perfect.” Let me tell you, she’s got it all. She fills multiple roles as a nurse, a model, a world traveler, and more. She has multiple mansions and drives a Corvette in city traffic. She has a Jeep for when those wild adventure opportunities come up. She has the right clothes for every event. Unfortunately, she’s never spoken out for the Lord. Neither does she go to church unless she’s dragged there. Her name is Barbie.

Are you one of those people who is waiting for the stars to line up before you commit to serving outside of your own needs and desires? I sincerely hope that you’re serving at home in one way or another. Home is a place where we find out if we’re doing things the right way or the wrong way. Home is a place where we can develop our skill set.

When I went through Junior and Senior High School, as a guy, I had multiple classes available to me that were technically oriented. There was auto shop, welding, working with tin. We also had a carpentry shop. Today they have other types of classes available that focus on family living. Today guys can take classes where they learn to cook, sew, and all about home economics. Girls too can take whatever classes are offered. But beyond that, I’m sure you have real life experiences that are of value to people in need or who could use the skills you’ve garnered over the years.

Take a look at our Calendar posted under the News menu. There are some events that are currently scheduled which have run for a while. You won’t need special tools, training or expertise to help out in one of them. You need not be perfect. You can also come to those events just to participate. But if you can flip a burger or if you aren’t afraid to be seen with dishpan hands, we can use your help in our kitchen. “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” **1 Peter 4:10** ESV