

## AUXILIARY OUTREACH



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As has been done since the beginning of our organization, we want and need to continue to serve our communities in 2023-2024. It is a legacy the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary has built and must continue with community service for other organizations in the communities in which we live. Many Americans donate their time by doing community service for many other organizations and it is very important that the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary does the same for the betterment of our communities. Forming a partnership with other organizations in our community allows us all to work together to accomplish our VFW Auxiliary mission. The more people we reach in the community, the more Veterans we reach, thus accomplishing our main mission: to serve and help our Veterans and their families.

Keep an open mind when thinking of ways to assist our communities. Rural areas may have less options but are just as important. Check local community bulletin boards and city/county calendars. Look for opportunities in your local newspapers and community magazines. Remember that whether the project you are serving is large or small, it can have a great impact on your community and the way our organization is perceived and depended upon for support. The more we are in our communities supporting their programs, the more the community will support our mission and our programs resulting in more Veterans and their families being helped and supported.

A motion must be made on the floor about volunteering for Auxiliary Outreach time. The membership needs to vote on where members can volunteer their time. Make sure that wherever your members are volunteering is for the benefit of the community.

When volunteering you must wear VFW Auxiliary attire such as badge, shirt, hat, jackets, etc. The person/persons volunteering are representing your Auxiliary. You must report the hours and number of workers participating. Monies spent cannot be reported.

Any Auxiliary Outreach that you do cannot be affiliated with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary programs. In other words, if you can report your volunteer hours for another VFW Auxiliary program such as Americanism, Buddy Poppy, Hospital, etc. it is not Auxiliary Outreach. Your Auxiliary Outreach must benefit the community, not the VFW or VFW Auxiliary. Don't forget to report on what you do. That is very important.

Auxiliary Outreach is a great way to show our communities that the VFW Auxiliary supports them and their programs. We encourage each Auxiliary to take part in as many community projects as possible.

### **STATEWIDE PROJECT**

Work as a group in your Auxiliary to find a community project you can work on together. Find at least one community project to participate as a group in during the Auxiliary year. Encourage individual members to participate in community projects as well. Remember to send pictures of the Auxiliary members participating and wearing their auxiliary attire. **DON'T FORGET TO REPORT!!**

**A few examples of Auxiliary Outreach are:**

- ❖ Senior citizens center activities
- ❖ Community beautification events
- ❖ School Fall festivals/carnivals
- ❖ Homeless Shelter volunteer programs
- ❖ Literacy programs (adult and children)
- ❖ Blood drives
- ❖ Meals on Wheels, food pantries, soup kitchens, etc.
- ❖ Summer food programs for children
- ❖ First Responders safety programs
- ❖ Salvation Army bell ringer
- ❖ Animal shelters/rescues/adoption events
- ❖ Youth sports, classes, field days
- ❖ And many more.....

**AWARDS**

1. Plaque to an Auxiliary in each division for the best **AUXILIARY OUTREACH** project. Citations to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Plaque to an Auxiliary in each division for best **YOUTH AUXILIARY OUTREACH** project. Citations to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.
3. Plaque to an Auxiliary in each division for the most **AUXILIARY OUTREACH PROJECTS** as an Auxiliary. Citations to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**“Wind Beneath Our Veterans Wings”**  
**“Banding Together for Our Veterans”**