

AUXILIARY OUTREACH



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The VFW Auxiliary has always been about volunteering and helping others. People see us out in our communities helping, but don't really know what we do. When we partner up with the Food Bank, your Local Animal Shelter, your local Fire/EMS/Police, we will have plenty of opportunities to be visible and show members how we volunteer out in our communities. While volunteering at an event with an organization, you can engage with others about who we are and what we do. This is a great way to provide information and attract new members. As my National Ambassador stated, "Think of this as a way to invite **the outside into** our organization."

Auxiliary Outreach is partnering with organizations for the benefit of your community or its institutions.

Auxiliary Outreach can:

- Be performed by people of any age, skill set or ability level.
- Benefit any group of people such as children, senior citizens and those with disabilities.
- Benefit animals, the environment and public spaces.
- Be done in Communities of all types and sizes - rural, suburban and urban, small and large.

Auxiliary Outreach examples include:

- Participation in walks that benefit other organizations, as an event spotter, water station volunteer, timekeeper, etc. (walking or running in the race is Auxiliary Outreach as well).
- Partnering with local police on Child ID Kits.
- Partnering with firefighters on fire safety and prevention.

- Partnering with EMTs to host CPR training.
- Partnering with parks and recreation departments to plant trees, adopt-a-parks initiatives and developing community art installations.
- Partnering with animal shelters or mobile neutering clinics.
- Partnering with a soup kitchen to stock shelves or serve food.

Prepare a letter of introduction with your contact information, to keep on you, as well as to send to organizations that hold Community events. You never know who you might run into!

A motion must be made on the floor for the Outreach Project and recorded in the meeting minutes prior to the project. On rare occasions, such as a natural disasters or emergency community needs, the project may be voted on after the fact. Please take caution and try to approve while in your meetings so there is no misunderstanding.

Remember when you volunteer, you must wear VFW Auxiliary attire such as a badge, shirt, hat, jacket, etc. The Volunteers are representing your Auxiliary. You must report the hours and number of workers participating. However, you cannot count monies spent.

STATEWIDE PROJECT – Find at least one community project your Auxiliary can participate in as a group during the current program year. Send a description of the event and the number of hours and number of Auxiliary members that participated and remember to send pictures taken with your volunteers in some type of VFW Auxiliary Attire. Mark report **STATEWIDE Project**.

AWARDS FOR AUXILIARY FROM NATIONAL:

1. Most Outstanding Photo Collage created by the VFW Auxiliary and their VFW Auxiliary Outreach Partnerships during the current program year. Citation and \$25.00 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions.

ENTRY FORM required and available in MALTA-Member Resources-Auxiliary Outreach-Award Forms. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to their Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman by MARCH 31, 2025, for judging. The Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to the National Auxiliary Outreach Ambassador by April 30, 2025, for judging.

AWARDS FOR AUXILIARY FROM DEPARTMENT:

1. Plaque to one VFW Auxiliary for the MOST OUTSTANDING photo collage in each membership division during the current program year. Citation to 2nd and 3rd.
2. Plaque to one VFW Auxiliary for the Best AUXILIARY OUTREACH project in each membership division during the current program year. Citation to 2nd and 3rd.
3. Plaque to an Auxiliary in each membership division for Best YOUTH AUXILIARY OUTREACH. Citation to 2nd and 3rd.

**“Thankful & Grateful for the Sacrifice”
“From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans”**

**AUXILIARY OUTREACH
MID-YEAR & YEAR END REPORT**

Mid-Year Report – Must be received by District President by December 10, 2024

Year-End Report – Must be received by District President by April 10, 2025

District President forwards to Department Chairman by December 20 and April 20 respectively

AUXILIARY NAME: _____ NUMBER: _____ DISTRICT: _____

1. Did your Auxiliary participate in any Auxiliary Outreach projects? Y____N____

If yes, describe the project with the number of workers and hours. Include pictures. Use additional paper if needed:

2. How many organizations did your Auxiliary partner with during the year? _____
Give a description of each project. Include the number of Auxiliary members that participated and pictures. List names of the organizations not affiliated with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary that were partnered with:

3. Number of Auxiliary members who participated in the Auxiliary Outreach program? _____

4. Number of hours spent doing Auxiliary Outreach projects? _____

Describe what projects the hours were spent doing: _____

5. Did your Auxiliary submit a Photo Collage during current Program Year? Y__N__

Auxiliary Chairman: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____