

Auxiliary Outreach Program

Hello everyone – I was very excited when Beth asked me to chair the Auxiliary Outreach program. This program is one that our auxiliary really took to heart and created some terrific partnerships. One thing you may notice right away is that the name has been changed. This name change was done to alleviate the confusion between Community Service and Auxiliary Community Outreach. Now we are the VFW Auxiliary reaching out to other organizations volunteering our time to their cause.

Full details of the program will be given out at the school of instruction. There will be information on how to create partnerships, why this is beneficial for us to do and what is qualified Outreach programs and what is not. Please make sure you receive the packet of information to help you understand and be successful with this program.

Reaching out into your community to assess the needs of others is key to launching your successful Auxiliary Outreach Project. Remember these basic steps:

- Seek out local groups and organizations in need of assistance.
- Ask what your Auxiliary can do to partner with them.
- Vote on your Auxiliary floor to accept the challenge to volunteer.
- Execute the partnership.
- Record the details and report your success.

Important Reminders

- Auxiliary Outreach is not to be reported under any other Auxiliary Programs
- Auxiliary Outreach participation by our members is completely under the direction of the sponsoring organization. Remember you are the Volunteer!
- Partnerships are to be approved by vote of the Auxiliary and recorded in your minutes.
- Sponsoring, planning, funding, or arranging for activities concerning the event are
 NOT reportable under the Auxiliary Outreach Program.
- Events may only need a handful of Auxiliary members at a time. If the partnership is a regular activity (e.g., monthly intake volunteer at the blood

bank), only one member may be scheduled or needed to volunteer. Keep track throughout the year of those long-standing partnerships.

- Can your Post Home or meeting location be the site of your partnership? Yes, under certain circumstances. If the event is completely under the control of your sponsoring partner and all other requirements of the Program have been met, you may volunteer and report this partnership.
- Partnerships in Auxiliary Outreach may be a single event or regular ongoing events throughout the year.
- Make sure you wear something that signifies you are a member of the VFW Auxiliary. For example, a membership pin, shirt, hat, jacket, or vest.
- Be prepared to answer questions about our organization. Have some written information about your local Auxiliary if someone is interested. However, you should avoid active recruiting. Your volunteering is the best advertising to give potential members a taste of how great our organization is.
- You do not need to have formal verification from the group you are volunteering for. Just remember your partnership was already approved by your Auxiliary.

This is some basic and quick information about the VFW Auxiliary Outreach Program. You will receive full details when you receive your packet at the Department School of Instruction in August.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you this coming year. Contact information is below. Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. This is an extremely fulfilling program so I hope you all will get as excited about this program as I am.

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Auxiliary Outreach Report

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1a.	Did you utilize any of the Auxiliary Outreach material/resources available on the National VFW Auxiliary website?				
2.	Did your auxiliary as a group volunteer/partner with another organization not affiliated with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary				
2a.	How many hours were volunte	eered?		Hours:	
3.	Which type of organization has the Auxiliary or Auxiliary Members volunteered and/or partnered with:				
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4.	First Responders Churches Towns Disaster Relief Cancer, Heart, ALS Association etc. Other If additional space is needed, please use the back of this reporting form. Number of combined member and/or Auxiliary hours volunteered with another organization not affi with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary on this report. Total Hours:				
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