



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Auxiliary Outreach Bulletin – August/September, 2024

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National Theme: From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans
Department Theme: Aspire to Inspire

Wishing everyone continued success with the ongoing year and volunteering in your local community. I have been reading everyone's reports and you all have been very busy, as each and every one of the members of your Auxiliary go out into the community working and assisting other organizations. It is an awesome feeling to be able to share our skills and knowledge with one another.

ASPIRE TO INSPIRE OUR COMMUNITY



Here are some of the ways the state of Michigan Auxiliaries are reaching out to our community. I hope this gives you ideas to help your Auxiliary reach goals:

- Walk for Life – Cancer projects
- Adopt a Highway – Blood Drives
- Assisting with Local Fundraisers – Golf Outings
- Food – Clothes Pantries
- Feeding America – Hero's Corner
- Senior Service Centers – Meals on Wheels
- Community Fishing Drive – Festivals
- Assisting Churches and Homeless Shelters
- Schools and Daycares assisting the teachers and students

When working with these organizations for the Auxiliary Outreach program be sure that the member(s) volunteering is wearing a VFW Auxiliary item. It can be a shirt, hat, jacket or name tag. Smile and be proud to wear them with pride, as we may never know who we will run into. Take pictures of your events; I would love to share them on our Facebook page. Also, remember the National Award wants a **photo collage** of all of your great community events throughout the 24-25 year. Finally, it is considered Auxiliary Outreach if the Project was approved by the Auxiliary and recorded in the meeting minutes prior to the project. On rare occasions such as a natural disaster or emergency community need, the project may be voted on after the fact. All it takes is one Auxiliary member volunteering to count. When reporting please report the number of members, hours and miles used to assist the event. **Please also document in your report that the community project was voted on and approved at your meeting. This is a requirement to have your report approved!!!**

I look forward to working with everyone and excited to read all the fantastic reports on your community events. With the Conference coming up September 25th thru September 29th please join us for the school instructions and ask questions. Happy Fall and keep the great projects going for the 2024-2025 year. Let's make it awesome!!!

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