



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Bulletin – December 2024/January 2025

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Facebook Page: Auxiliary Outreach-Michigan

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

Auxiliary Outreach is members of the Auxiliary assisting in the community and working with other organizations. We can achieve this on an individual or group basis. Working with our community benefits everyone. We are able as Auxiliary members to reach out in our community outside our Post and assist with our knowledge and skills.

### *ASPIRE TO INSPIRE YOUR COMMUNITY*



We have so many ways to reach out to our community this holiday season, here are some ideas to help your Auxiliary reach some goals:

- Participation in local holiday events – volunteering at places where they serve meals, parades or assist the community.
- Participating at local schools, libraries, nursing homes or senior centers by volunteering and assisting where needed.
- 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 an animal shelter or mobile neutering clinic.
- Partnering with a soup kitchen to stock shelves to serve food.

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, we may never know who we will run into. Also take *pictures* of your events. I would love to share them on our Facebook page, and 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 must be *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 include in the report that the event was voted on, approved and documented in meeting minutes. I look forward to

working with everyone and excited to read all the fantastic reports on your community events. Please send me pictures so we can share them on the Auxiliary Outreach Facebook page and share with the other Auxiliaries this year. I will be working on submitting some national awards of photo collages over the holiday season. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions. Good Luck to everyone for the 2024-2025 year let's make it awesome!!! Wishing everyone happy and safe holidays!

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