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## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Auxiliary Outreach Guide Sheet 2025-26

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***National Theme: From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free***

***Department Theme: We Don't Know Them All, But We Owe Them All***

### **PROGRAM GOALS**

#### **Building Partnerships · Auxiliary Participating in Outreach**

Volunteering is considered a selfless activity where an individual or group provides services for no financial or social gain to benefit another person, group or organization. The VFW Auxiliary has a proven history of serving and supporting our veterans, their families and communities. This program offers another opportunity to engage with others within our communities to not only share what we do within our organization and potentially increase our membership, but to also work hand in hand to support our local communities' organizations and their mission.

Guidelines to help aid you in a successful program year is as follows:

- Reach out to local groups and organizations to see how your Auxiliary can be of assistance.
- Be sure to discuss projects and vote at your Auxiliary meeting to accept your volunteer hours for that event. Events or projects that are reoccurring, like volunteering at a senior center monthly, would only need a vote at the beginning of the program year. Otherwise, each new project will need a motion.
- At least one (1) Auxiliary member needs to work the event.
- Wear your Auxiliary attire (shirt, hat, name badge, lanyard, jacket, etc).
- Report details, remember only report what does not fit under another program.
- Be sure to share on social media and include #AuxiliaryOutreach in your post.

**REMINDER: Auxiliary Outreach is for projects NOT AFFILIATED with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary Programs.** In addition, volunteer work that is performed for the benefit of the Post or Auxiliary is NOT considered outreach service.

**Note:** On rare occasions, such as a natural disaster or emergency community need, the project may be voted on after the fact.

I am excited to see what Auxiliaries in our great state do to benefit our communities this year. Just remember, be visible and show your pride in the VFW Auxiliary by wearing Auxiliary-branded attire when you participate in Auxiliary Outreach!

### National Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most Outstanding Auxiliary Outreach activity and/or event that is shared on social media using #AuxiliaryOutreach.
  - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 program Divisions that shares the most outstanding Auxiliary Outreach activity and/or event using #AuxiliaryOutreach during the current Program Year.

Entry for is required and available in MALTA Member Resources.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman by March 31, 2026, for judging.

### Department Awards

- Most Outstanding Auxiliary Outreach activity and/or event that is shared on social media using #AuxiliaryOutreach. Must send required National entry form to Department Chairman. \$10 and Citation of Merit to Auxiliary.

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

<b>#1 -10-36</b>	<b>#2 -37-50</b>	<b>#3 -51-68</b>	<b>#4 - 69-84</b>	<b>#5 - 85-98</b>
<b>#6 - 99-115</b>	<b>#7 - 116-139</b>	<b>#8 -140-166</b>	<b>#9 -167-237</b>	<b>#10 -238-OVER</b>

<b>Achievements</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Reported</b>
Volunteer or partner with another organization not affiliated with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary. <b>Must report each time and include number of members volunteering, total hours and name of organization.</b>		
Attend and register at a School of Instruction – District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference		
Attend and register at own District Meeting		
Report every quarter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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