



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Auxiliary Outreach – June/July 2025

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Facebook Page: Auxiliary Outreach-Michigan

**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***

Congratulations to our all our new Auxiliary Community Outreach Chairmen for this upcoming year! We, as a team, are instrumental in spreading awareness of our organization and its programs.



What does the Auxiliary Outreach Program look like? It is when you, the member of your Auxiliary, volunteers your **TIME** with another organization! What is a volunteer? According to Google, volunteering is a voluntary act of an individual or group freely giving time and labor for community service. “It is a donation of your time, not money.” -

Sara Manke, National Auxiliary Community Outreach Ambassador. This program offers you the opportunity to be recognized for activities you are most likely already doing within your community. By being actively involved in our community with other organizations, we are not only improving our community but gives us the opportunity to engage with others and spread the word on what our organization does for veterans and their families. It is a great recruiting tool! Be sure to take membership applications with you when you serve in your community!

Here are some key points to begin a successful Auxiliary Outreach program:

- Search out local groups or organizations that are looking for volunteers.
- Take your idea to your Auxiliary meeting, discuss details of the volunteer opportunity. Make a motion to accept volunteer hours for the specific event. If your Auxiliary has a reoccurring event, like monthly volunteering at the local library or senior center, you can make motion at the beginning of the program year for all volunteer hours.
- At least one Auxiliary member needs to work the event.
- Be sure to wear your Auxiliary gear. For example, hat, shirt, pin, badge, etc.
- Finally, be sure to report your event under Auxiliary Outreach. Being diligent on reporting soon after the event as we all forget details that are pertinent to the program questions.

As a reminder the 25-26 reporting began as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. Your quarterly reports are due by these dates: July 31<sup>st</sup>, October 31<sup>st</sup>, January 31<sup>st</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>.

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