

Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Auxiliary Outreach Guide Sheet 2023-2024 www.vfwauxmi.org

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National Theme: Banding Together for our Veterans Department Theme: Our Veterans, The Angels Among Us

Auxiliary Outreach is members of the Auxiliary going out into the community and working with and assisting other organizations. This can be achieved on an individual basis or a group setting. Working with other organizations benefits both them and the Auxiliary. This allows Auxiliary members to reach outside the walls of their local Post and extend their knowledge and skills while supporting The Angels Among Us.

Many different items are considered part of Auxiliary Outreach; finding creativity and networking with community members to help locate organizations that may be in need. When working with any organizations for Auxiliary Outreach be sure that the members(s)



volunteering is wearing a VFW Auxiliary item. Does not matter if it's a shirt, hat, jacket, nametag, pin, or a tote bag on your shoulder. You can even wear them all! Be proud of your Auxiliary and show your pride by wearing your Auxiliary items daily! You never know who you are going to run into.

When volunteering it will be helpful to have some applications and pamphlets about the VFW Auxiliary on hand. However, we must remember that we are there volunteering for these organizations and that we are not doing a membership drive.

Below are some examples of organizations that your Auxiliary can work with.

- Local Police, Fire and EMT
- Parks and recreation
- Soup Kitchens & Food Pantries
- Local library
- Youth Groups, Cub, Boy and Girl Scouts
- City elections
- Senior Centers

Remember that VFW Auxiliary members are worker bees, the project/events are not a VFW or VFW Auxiliary event.

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

- 1. Most outstanding community partnership with another organization
 - Citation to every Auxiliary that partners with another organization within their community. Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman by March 31, 2024, for judging.
 - The Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman must email National Headquarters by April 30th, 2024, at <u>info@vfwauxiliary.org</u> a total combined list of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.
 - Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
 - Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding community partnership.
 - The Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department -winning entry form to the National Auxiliary Outreach Ambassador by April 30, 2024, for judging.
 - Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

- Most overall activity is completed with another community organization.
 Citation of Merit and \$10 to the Auxiliary
- Best overall usage of Auxiliary Outreach materials available on MALTA
 Citation of Merit and \$10 to one Auxiliary

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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

Achievements	Completed	Reported
Auxiliary utilized the Auxiliary Outreach material/resources available in		
MALTA Member Resources.		
Did your Auxiliary as a group, volunteer or partner with another organization		
not affiliated with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary.		
How many different Organizations did your Auxiliary volunteer or partnered		
with during the year? First Responders-Churches-Churches-Towns-Disaster		
Relief-Cancer, Heart, ALS, Associations, etcOther		
Number of combined member and/or Auxiliary hours volunteered with		
another organization not affiliated with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary		

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