

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT VFW AUXILIARY**  
**Auxiliary Outreach**  
**July 2023**

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Facebook Page: Auxiliary Outreach-Michigan

*National Theme: Banding Together for Our Veterans*

*Department Theme: Our Veterans the Angels Among Us*



It is important that at the beginning of the program year a motion is made on the floor that when members volunteer their time for a civic program, school program, youth program, etc., they are representing the VFW Auxiliary and should turn in their hours served to be reported for Auxiliary Outreach.

The VFW Auxiliary has been a leader in community volunteerism since our founding. What better way to show we care by continuing to step up and lend a hand and be a "Worker Bee"? By building partnerships, we strengthen ourselves, those we assist and our communities.

Reaching out into your community to assess the needs of others is key to launching your successful Auxiliary Outreach Project.

Remember these basic steps:

- Seek out local groups and organizations in need of assistance
- Ask what your Auxiliary can do to partner with them
- Vote on your Auxiliary floor to accept the opportunity
- Execute the partnership
- Record the details and report your success



**Finding opportunities**

- Check with your members, family, friends and neighbors; what their interests are and what they do
- Check local community bulletin boards and city/county/neighborhood calendars
- Look for opportunities in your local Facebook Groups
- Reach out to find the right contact and ask if their group or organization needs assistance
- Develop ideas and present the possible partnership to your Auxiliary at a meeting for approval
- Under the direction of the partner, put the plan into motion
- Finally, when your partnership is complete, report your success

## **Auxiliary Outreach**

### **August 2023**

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The VFW Auxiliary Outreach Program is your Auxiliary's opportunity to partner with local groups and organizations. This Partnership assists those groups to help them achieve their program goals and objectives. Our communities are hungry for volunteers. Show them we are here to help!

Projects may be done by a member who is representing an Auxiliary, by an Auxiliary alone or with the VFW Post. Collectively, all of our volunteer hours need to be counted to effectively show the importance of the local VFW Auxiliary to the community

Some ideas for volunteer opportunities include:

#### *Local Community Center*

- Youth sports, classes and enrichment
- Senior center activities
- Informational events (Spring fair, recycling events)
- Adult class assistance
- Community beautification event

#### *Schools*

- Parent/teacher groups
- Library, office, field day, carnivals

#### *Community Food or Shelter Programs*

- Intake, distribution, serving

#### *Animal Shelters and Adoption Events*

#### **Important Reminders**

- Auxiliary Outreach is not to be reported under any other programs
- Participation by our members is completely under the direction of the sponsoring organization. Remember you are the "Worker Bee"
- Partnerships are to be approved by vote of the Auxiliary and recorded in your minutes
- Opportunities may only need a handful of Auxiliary members at a time. If the partnership is recurring, keep track through the year of those long-standing partnerships
- Can your post home or meeting location be the site of your partnership? Under certain circumstances, If the event is completely under the control of your sponsoring partner and all other requirements of the program have been met, you may volunteer and report this opportunity
- Make sure you wear something that signifies you are a member of the VFW Auxiliary