

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT VFW AUXILIARY

AUXILIARY OUTREACH BULLETIN

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National Theme: Banding Together for Our Veterans

Department Theme: Our Veterans the Angels Among Us

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS: AUXILIARY OUTREACH

Auxiliary Outreach is volunteer work performed by one member, a group of members or an Auxiliary for the benefit of their community or its institutions. Auxiliary Outreach can:

- Be performed by people of any age, skill set or ability level.
- Benefit any group of people such as children, senior citizens, and those with disabilities.
- Benefit animals, the environment, and public spaces.
- Be done in communities of all types and sizes – rural, suburban, and urban, small, or large.

We volunteer to make a difference in our community, but we receive benefits including but not only:

- Helping others
- Learning new skills
- Career advancement
- Increased confidence
- Meeting new people
- Fighting stress and depression
- Developing a stronger sense of purpose
- Personal growth

OUTREACH AND THE VFW AUXILIARY

Auxiliary members and Auxiliaries also participate with other community organizations. It is important that at the beginning of the 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.

Projects may be done by a member who is representing the 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.

Be visible and show your pride in the VFW Auxiliary by wearing Auxiliary-branded attire when you participate in Auxiliary Outreach. A shirt, jacket or hat with the Auxiliary emblem can start a conversation about the Auxiliary and what we do.

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The End is in Sight!

Here we are in the homestretch; the finish line is just ahead. Time to pour on that last bit of strength and break through the winner's tape.

Deadlines and Awards

Let's review a couple key points as we start rapping up a successful year:

Local Auxiliary Outreach Chairmen: Send your final reports to you Department Chairmen no later than March 31, 2024.

It has been a busy year so far and reading through your Auxiliary Outreach reports, there has been a lot of great effort put forth for Auxiliary Outreach from looking at what is on the reports. Keep up the great work! There is still a lot of time left and opportunities in the months ahead before we end this year so keep going strong. If you have not done something yet, get moving!



Volunteering does not have to labor intensive work but your time is invaluable to these organizations. Vote on the event in your meeting and wear an auxiliary shirt or name tag to let your community know you are there and active!!

If you have questions, call or email me. I am here to help you. Please, turn in your reports and be diligent. I cannot reiterate it enough as to how important this is, so we can further report what you have done and be able to share the ideas and ways to do Auxiliary Outreach. We can learn and inspire each other by sharing.

Loyally yours,

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