

# 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*

Welcome to the 2023-2024 VFW Auxiliary, Department of Michigan year!

My name is Jared and I have been given the privilege to serve as the Chairman of Auxiliary Outreach for the 2023-2024 auxiliary year. I look forward to working with all of you and encouraging each of you to on have a successful year in this chairmanship.

The Auxiliary Outreach program is to assist our other community organizations. As an Auxiliary we can work together to help other organizations fill the gaps for their events and fundraisers when they are shorthanded of their own volunteers.

Some ideas for volunteer opportunities during the month of May could include:

- May 4 - International Firefighters' Day
- May 15 - National Peace Officers Memorial Day
- Week of May 14 - National Police Week
- Week of May 21 - National EMS Week

Possible volunteer opportunities include:

- Volunteer at a Safety Fair
- Project Blue Light - educate the public on the importance of our supporting this project.

Look into your communities for organizations that are hosting events for these potential opportunities or others! Look for inner creativity and connect and communicate to expand your auxiliaries volunteer possibilities.

**Remember it's not donating items or money.** It is about giving your time to serve others while showing your appreciation to the community. Be proud of your Auxiliary and always wear your apparel when volunteering.

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As a reminder you must approve all volunteer hours at an Auxiliary meeting prior to any events worked. Once the event is completed the information needs to be reported, such as how many hours worked and how many Auxiliary members volunteered. If you have a recurring volunteer opportunity with an organization, you only need one motion for the entire opportunity.

Reaching out into your community to assess the needs of others is key to launching your successful Auxiliary Outreach program. Many organizations are not speaking up and asking for help. Take the initiative and seek them out and offer help. Your Auxiliary has lots to offer, lead your assistance and show the community organizations the Auxiliary is here to help.

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

With summer upon us there are many great opportunities to explore.

- Youth sports and recreation
- Parent/teacher conferences/meetings
- Community beautification events

Remember who we are; we are members of an organization that takes pride and pleasure assisting our Veterans, their families, and our communities. Volunteering makes a difference in our communities to enrich our lives and the people who receive our help.

Loyally yours,

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