



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Bulletin - June/July, 2024

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Facebook Page: Auxiliary Outreach-Michigan

National Theme: *From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans*
Department Theme: *Aspire to Inspire*

Auxiliary Outreach is members of the Auxiliary going out into the community and working or assisting other organizations. We can achieve this on an individual or group basis. Working with our community benefits everyone. We are able as Auxiliary members to reach out in our community outside our Post and assist with our knowledge and skills.



ASPIRE TO INSPIRE OUR COMMUNITY

We have so many ways to reach out to our community. Here are some ideas to help your Auxiliary reach some goals:

- Google local community activities on the internet to see what's happening in your area
- Local Police, Fire, and EMT
- Homeless Shelters, Soup Kitchens & Food Pantries
- Libraries and Local Schools for program assistance (Summer Programs)
- Youth Organizations
- Senior Centers
- Hospice and Shelterhouse Homes
- Habitat for Humanity and other community family projects
- Hospitals – Doctors, Nurses and assistants
- When Driving in your area look for signs of events that may be a window of opportunity to assist the community

When working with these organizations for the Auxiliary Outreach program be sure that the member(s) volunteering is wearing a VFW Auxiliary item. It can be a shirt, hat, jacket or name tag. Smile and be proud to wear them with pride, as we may never know who we will run into. Also take pictures of your events. I would love to share them on our Facebook page. Remember the National Award wants a photo collage of all of your great community events throughout the 24-25 year. Finally, it is considered Auxiliary Outreach if the Project was approved by the Auxiliary and must be recorded in the meeting minutes prior to the project. On rare occasions such as a natural Disaster or emergency community need, the project may be voted on after the fact. All it takes is one Auxiliary

member volunteering to count. When reporting please report the number of members, hours and miles used to assist the event. I look forward to working with everyone and excited to read all the fantastic reports on your community events. With the Convention coming up May 29th thru June 1st please stop and introduce yourself and ask any questions as needed. I want to thank Jane Dady, Department President for this opportunity to be your Auxiliary Outreach Department Chairman. Good Luck to everyone for the 2024-2025 year. Let's make it awesome!!!

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