



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Auxiliary Outreach Guide Sheet 2024-25

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National Theme: From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to our Veterans

Department Theme: Aspire to Inspire

PROGRAM GOALS

Building Partnerships – Auxiliary Participating in Outreach

Auxiliary Outreach is members partnering with organizations for the benefit of your local community or institutions. The Outreach can be performed by people of any age, skills set or ability. The project can benefit any group of people such as children, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and for the public. An Outreach can be held in communities of all types and sizes – rural, suburban and urban, small and large. Some ideas to be considered for Auxiliary Outreach are as follows:

- Participation in walks/runs that benefit other organizations.
- Partnering with local Police, Firefighter, EMT's to assist with their community training programs.
- Partnering with parks and recreations to departments to assist with their developments.
- Partnering with an animal shelter and assist with their community programs.
- Partner with a soup kitchen and assist with their community programs.

There are so many ways to reach out to your community. Just google “community events” in your local area and see what pops up like a Shelter house, Hospice Home or Homeless shelter looking for volunteers. Once the Auxiliary is ready to assist with a project, be proud and visible; show your pride by wearing Auxiliary-branded attire. Remember this is for the organization and shows our community participation and not just in our Post homes.

Finally, it is considered Auxiliary Outreach if the project was approved by the Auxiliary and 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.

National Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding ***photo collage*** created by the VFW Auxiliary of their VFW Auxiliary Outreach partnerships during the current program year.
 - Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that creates the most outstanding photo collage of their VFW Auxiliary partnerships during the current Program Year.

Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to their Department Auxiliary Outreach Charman by March 31, 2025, for judging, Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Department Awards

- Best Auxiliary Outreach photo collage in each membership category. Citation of Merit and \$10 to the Auxiliary. Must send required National entry form to Department chairman. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best Overall Auxiliary who partnered with other organizations non-affiliated with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the 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
Create photo collage of their VFW Auxiliary Outreach partnerships		
Volunteer or partner with another organization not affiliated with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary. Must report each time and include number of members volunteering and total hours.		
Attend and register at a School of Instruction – District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference		
Attend and register at own District Meeting		
Report every quarter		

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