



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Auxiliary Community Outreach Program Bulletin – January/February 2021

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National Theme: Honoring Our Mission to Serve Veterans

Department Theme: Honor, Serve and Remember our Veterans with Everlasting Patriotism

Outreach is defined as reaching out to others or becoming involved in a community or effort. In effect this program is all about being involved with your community or community programs, such as Meals on Wheels, Toys for Tots, road side clean ups, helping a neighbor, food pantries, and food kitchens. Just to name a few.

With Auxiliary Community Outreach, we are volunteering on NON-CORE projects within our communities on our own and/or with another organization. The Community Outreach Program now gives us an avenue to report the number of member(s) and total hour(s) volunteering on these Non-Core programs/projects. It is about service, time and volunteering. Not about monetary donations. This is a service project only.

As many of you have seen, they have added chairman to the report system. The only problem is that most of you are not filling this out or are filing out the word "YES". I need you to write your complete name in this box. So that if I have questions it is easier to look up your phone number.

As best said by our National President:

*"I am very excited about our new Program, **Auxiliary Community Outreach**. Please understand it is not the old Community Service Program. For better clarification, allow me to share exactly what the Program is: It's when a member or group of Auxiliary members **volunteer hours with another organization** or entity. It is not donations, but **time**. As members, we must be wearing Auxiliary clothing – hats, shirt or name badges when performing this volunteer service. We are reaching into our communities and reminding them that we have been volunteering for more than a century now." – Sandi Onstwedder, National President VFW Auxiliary, November 2020 VFW Auxiliary Magazine*

I have made multiple calls and emails to the following Auxiliaries. Can the President or Secretary please call me as soon as possible.

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| District 5 | 1370 and 4037 |
| District 9 | 3701 and 4406 |
| District 11 | 5738 |
| District 13 | 1578 and 2780 |

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