

# Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary AUXILIARY OUTREACH BULLETIN January 2023

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*National Theme: Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care*

*Department Theme: Be the Anchor for Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe*

Happy New Year! Even though the new year has just begun we are more than halfway through our Auxiliary business year. Now is the time to really be consulting the Guide Sheet, looking over the points, and making sure you are doing what is being asked for this program. There is still plenty of time to go out into the community and partner with another group. Even if there are no partnership opportunities in your area there are many times where there can be some individual opportunities to help another group. Utilize the tools you have at hand like the Guide Sheet and the Resources on the National or Department site to help you reach your goals.

If the activity you are doing or helping with can be reported under another program it has to be reported there even if you make the motion to accept it under Outreach or it will be rejected. The key to this program is actually "getting your hands dirty" by physically doing something for another group event open to, or benefiting the community. Your members are there to assist, not plan or execute the activity. You do what the other group needs you to do while wearing something identifying that you are also representing the VFW Auxiliary. When the "public" ask you about the Auxiliary's involvement in this endeavor, you are then opening the door for further conversations about the Auxiliary. Make a plan to talk at another time. Print up little cards with your phone number or email on it to hand out so that you can talk after the event or plan to meet up at a later time. When you have that meeting take a membership application and other information pamphlets you either make up or find on the National website. You should however showcase some specific things that your particular Auxiliary does within the VFW world and in the community. Your members should all be "marketing people" to "sell" the Auxiliary and show that we do a lot of things in all of our programs. Be proud of what we do and why we do it and share passion with others.

After you are done sharing this bulletin with your members, report it. If you're attending your District meetings, report it. If you attend the training at the upcoming Mid-Winter convention, report it. Basically, if you think it counts, report it. Let's go, here is to a strong last quarter and final push.

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