



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Auxiliary Community Outreach Program Bulletin – March/April 2021

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National Theme: Honoring Our Mission to Serve Veterans

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

“Thank You! Thank you! Thank you!”

To everyone who reported to make this year a great success for State President Carrie and our National President Sandi. We have done amazing things this year. Keep up the great work.

There is still plenty of time to report activities. Examples are: Blood drives, taking meals to neighbors and people in need, shoveling snow for a community member, making masks for the community, sewing or knitting blankets for the needy, volunteering at an animal shelter, volunteering at a soup kitchen or food distribution center, and so much more.

When you do an activity make sure you report it and that you are filling out all the boxes, including name of Chairman (if you know it), number of members, hours, miles. I have been getting a lot of reports that don't include this information in the boxes. So even when I do accept the report, you are not receiving the credit that you should be getting.

If your auxiliary got a letter from me, please take just a few minutes and fill out the questionnaire and send it back in the self-addressed STAMPED envelope I have provided. My goal is to get 100% vote to institute the Auxiliary Community Outreach program in Michigan.

Please remember to wear something that identifies you as an Auxiliary member when you volunteer, such as a hat, shirt, name tag, or coat. The goal of this program is to bring awareness to our communities that we are here and what we do.

Examples:

- Our auxiliary gave \$100 to local animal shelter.... NOT reportable.
- ***Our auxiliary held a food and toy drive with local animal shelter. 3 member and 6 hours. 24 miles.... reportable***
- Members donated \$50 to local food bank.....NOT reportable.
- ***Members volunteered to cook and serve at local food bank. 6 members and 12 hours and 13 miles.....reportable***
- Member helped elderly veteran shovel his driveway. 2 hours and 0 miles.... NOT reportable under Auxiliary Community Outreach because it is reportable under Veterans and Family support/ direct aid to veterans.
- ***Member helped a community member shovel their driveway. 2 hour and 0 miles ...reportable***

If you are having an issue reporting please call me; I can help you. I am always willing to enter the report for you and send you a copy or put your email into the report so you get that copy.

Any Auxiliary that has reported that they participated in a community event needs to fill out the Auxiliary Community Outreach Award No. 1 – Entry Form. The form needs to be to me by March 31 and please remember I live in the Upper Peninsula so it takes longer to get here.

I also want to thank all the Auxiliary Community Outreach Chairmen for all the work they helped accomplish in their auxiliaries this year. With Covid-19 it has not been easy or normal, but you did what you could and it was great. Thank you for all your hard work.

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