



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Auxiliary Community Outreach Guide Sheet 2021-22 www.vfwauxmi.org

National Theme: Soaring Above & Beyond
Department Theme: Tell Our Story of Service

Program Goals

Auxiliary Participating in Community Outreach
Member Participation in Community Outreach

Congratulations on your appointment as Auxiliary Community Outreach! It is sure to be a great year and I am excited to be working alongside of you.

Volunteering is considered a selfless activity where an individual or group provides services for no financial or social gain to benefit another person, group or organization. The VFW Auxiliary has a proven history of serving and supporting our veterans, their families and communities. This program offers another opportunity to engage with others within our communities to not only tell our story of service in regards of our organization but by also reaching out, soaring above and beyond, to support our local communities and their mission.

New to the program this year is Auxiliary members volunteering with first responders at their community activity and/or event! Our first responders have been working hard this past year and giving so much to our communities. In addition, this fall marks the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, and to commemorate that date, National is adding the initiative of volunteering with a group of or for an organization that support first responders. Be sure to take a lot of pictures when you volunteer as this will be your National (as well as Department) submission that will be due my March 31, 2022.

Reporting Guidelines to help aid you in a successful program year is as follows:

- *It is important that at the beginning of the Program Year a motion is made on the floor that when a member(s) volunteer their time for a civic program, school program, youth program, etc., they are representing the VFW Auxiliary and the member should turn in their hours served to be reported for Auxiliary Community Outreach. Reporting requirement under Achievements).
- When your Auxiliary reports, please indicate how many Auxiliary members participated, the number of hours volunteered as well as the activity and/or event they participated in.
- Make sure your activity and/or event is NOT AFFILIATED with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary programs. This includes any work that is performed for the benefit of the Post or Auxiliary.
- The Department Award for most outstanding collage volunteering with first responders is the same submission for National (only submit one). I will pick winners from the National submission for our Department Awards in each membership category.

National Awards

1. Most outstanding photo collage featuring Auxiliary members volunteering with first responders at their community activity and/or event.
 - Citation to every Auxiliary that submits a photo collage featuring Auxiliary members volunteering with first responders at their community activity and/or event. Criteria and entry form (required) available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Auxiliaries must send entry form to their Department Auxiliary Community Outreach Chairman by March 31, 2022. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.

Department Awards

1. Most outstanding photo collage featuring Auxiliary members volunteering with first responders at their community activity and/or event.
 - \$10 and Citation of Merit to one (1) Auxiliary in each membership category. Criteria and entry form (required) available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Auxiliaries must submit to Department Community Outreach Chairman by March 31, 2022.
 - Best Overall Auxiliary Community Outreach program. \$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
Motion to accept volunteer hours for Auxiliary Outreach Program.		
Auxiliary participated in Auxiliary Community Outreach. Volunteerism that benefits the community at large, assisting individuals with special needs or the elderly, etc.). Report number of members and hours.		
Auxiliary planned or participated in projects or programs to support and/or recognize first responders.		
Submit National/Department Award #1 entry form to Department Chairman for Most Outstanding Photo Collage featuring Auxiliary members volunteering with first responders at their community activity and/or event by March 31, 2022.		
Attend and register at a School of Instruction – District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference		
Attend and register at own District Meeting		
Report		

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