



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Auxiliary Community Outreach Bulletin January-February 2022 www.vfwauxmi.org

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

Happy New Year 2022! Can you believe it? Another year has come and gone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season, and you are entering a New Year with renewed hope and new ideas.

This month, if you have not focused on the National (and Department) Award, please consider doing so. This year's award is as follows:

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.

On January 9th, 2022, it is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day! This month would be a perfect opportunity to collaborate with another organization to offer Appreciation for your local responders. It doesn't have to be on the 9th, but you can do something later in the month to allow yourself some time to prepare. REMEMBER, this CANNOT be done at your Post home! It must be done at a location that is outside of the Post home. Think local park, community center, school, the possibilities are endless! Just make sure you wear your Auxiliary attire and take a lot of pictures! You can even call your local police department, fire department, and/or hospital to see what other ways you can volunteer with them at an event they are hosting! You will submit a photo collage to me by the deadline, March 31st.

I look forward to seeing what you all do! Happy Volunteering!

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"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."
~Oscar Wilde

Here are some additional ways you can participate in Auxiliary Community Outreach.

- **Help Animals and the Environment**

- Volunteer with local animal shelter feeding animals, cleaning cages, walking the animals, etc.
- Volunteer at the local animal shelter fundraising event, like a 5K (participating in the event **DOES NOT** count, but working it as a volunteer does)
- Volunteer with your local animal rescue
- Partner with a local vet, county animal control, animal rescue for an upcoming even they might be doing (contact them to see how you can help!)
- Volunteer with your local Parks and Recreation for a clean-up day
- Volunteer with a Recycling Day in your community
- Partner with an organization on their roadside cleanup



- **Help the Hungry and/or Homeless**

- Volunteer at a soup kitchen, food pantry/bank, food ministries with a local church
- Volunteer with backpack snack programs
- Volunteer with your local homeless ministry
- Assist with building maintenance/building improvements of your local homeless shelter
- Volunteer at your local YWCA
- Help organize and sort donations for your local thrift store that support homeless programs



Please don't hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions or need help with reporting.

Don't forget to "Like" and share your photos on the Department of Auxiliary Programs page.

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