

**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary**  
**AUXILIARY OUTREACH BULLETIN**  
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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*

The Community Service Chairmanship has been slightly modified. The new name for this program is AUXILIARY OUTREACH. Just like it sounds this program is to help our fellow community organizations by partnering with them to help cross-promote both or multiple organizations within our communities in which we work and live. As an Auxiliary or an individual member it is our responsibility to reach out to help other groups achieve goals or perform civic duties.

**FIRST TASK:** Prior to each event you must make and pass a motion to accept any hours volunteered for any civic organization to be made in the name of this Outreach program and recorded in the Auxiliary minutes.

**SECOND TASK:** When volunteering with another group to get credit under Outreach you must wear a VFW/AUX pin, hat, T-Shirt. Remember you are there to help the "other" organization but it will show community members our faces and perhaps spark some side conversations about our organization.

Find these other community groups by talking at Auxiliary meetings or checking with family members. Check with local chamber of commerce groups to see if they know of any other groups that might need an extra pair of hands for an upcoming event. Spring is here, perhaps a local youth group needs help registering kids for baseball or soccer. Check with your local library; sometimes over the summer they have a story hour that could possibly use some extra readers. Maybe there is a community garden that needs some spring clean-up. These are just a few examples of possibilities; please be creative and think outside the box. The key to this program is actually getting in there and being hands on. Things like donating money for trophies for a youth sport will NOT count. Sending a check to support something like a walk-a-thon or run for cancer does NOT count. As we go along, I will share more ideas and please feel free to "REACH" out to me with different ideas. Remember not all our communities are the same size.

Here is to working HAND to HAND with you all this year!

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