

Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary AUXILIARY OUTREACH BULLETIN June 2022

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National Theme: Hands that Serve Heart that Care

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

Auxiliary Outreach is simply defined as volunteer work with another group in which the community is somehow benefited. I cannot stress enough that prior to helping/volunteering, at an Auxiliary meeting **BEFORE** the event it must be brought up and a motion made and accepted to "volunteer/work" the event and the hours worked accepted to go for this chairmanship. Once the event is completed please report to me on the Department website and tell me how many hours worked and how many Auxiliary members worked. I would also like a brief description of what you did at that event or what the event was about. When you reach out to another organization please let them know you have members willing to help and do what *they* need but that you will be wearing VFW Auxiliary branded attire or pin. As we head into summer months with local festivals, art or car shows, music in the park etc. your community groups like Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion or Lions Clubs may need or would welcome your help.

A few things that do not qualify for this program: Donating trophies to a youth sports group/team. Hosting a luncheon for a community club. Sending money to support a charity that might have hosted a walk-a-thon or a run. The point is you must actually work, help set up, tear down, take tickets, sell snacks or whatever the other group is shorthanded in and can use your physical hand in help.

If you have an ongoing partnership with say working at a dog shelter or a homeless shelter and you go back and volunteer on a regular basis you can make and accept one motion in the beginning of the year as long as you phrase the motion accordingly. For example, "Jane Doe will work and turn in all hours she volunteers each month at Bow Wow Doggie shelter in the name of Auxiliary Outreach." Then you do not need to revisit the motion each month because it is continuous throughout the year.

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