



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Auxiliary Outreach Guide Sheet 2022-2023

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Facebook Page: Auxiliary Outreach-Michigan

National Theme: Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care

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

Program Goals

Building Partnerships Outreach Auxiliary Participating in Outreach

Auxiliary Outreach is just like it sounds. This program is to help guide our Auxiliaries or individual members to partner or work with other community minded groups to benefit the entire community. You as an individual probably already do some of this great work within your own community but will now have a place that it can be also recognized. By helping or volunteering everyone will benefit. Individually some of the perks or benefits that we can gain is helping others, you might learn a new skill, make new friends, have some personal growth, and can take pride in a job well done.

Things that can be considered in the Auxiliary Outreach program are mostly working other organizations such as working with Police and Fire Departments on their safety and fire prevention weeks, working with the Chamber of Commerce on a beautification project like planting trees or flowers, or perhaps volunteering at the local library to re-shelve books or read to kids during story time. When volunteering and working with these other organizations you are helping them, but you also need to represent the VFW Auxiliary. You can do this by wearing a local post or National branded Auxiliary hat, shirt, jacket, name tag, or pin. This might spark a side interest or discussion about our organization and get interested persons to investigate joining the VFW Auxiliary as well. You should also have information on how to join and even an application handy. Please remember you are there helping another organization, and this is not a membership drive but an opportunity to possibly show how the local VFW and Auxiliaries care about the communities in which they also live.

Here are the steps to launch a successful Auxiliary Outreach Project:

- Find a local group or organization in need of assistance.
- Ask what your Auxiliary can do to assist them.
- Vote on your Auxiliary floor to take part in the project. This must be done before every project!
- Volunteer, wearing your VFW Auxiliary identification.
- Report, report, report!

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

Most overall partnership activities completed in each membership category

\$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary

Best overall most outstanding community partnership with the required entry form.

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Citation of Merit to each Auxiliary for participation in the Auxiliary Outreach program.

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

1. Most outstanding community partnership with another organization

- Citation to every Auxiliary that partners with another organization within their community. Criteria and required entry form available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources must be sent to the Department Chairman by March 31, 2023.
- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each conference with the most outstanding community partnership. Winners will be announced at National convention in 2023.

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
Auxiliary utilized the Auxiliary Outreach material/resources available on the National VFW Auxiliary website		
Motion to accept Volunteer Hours for each Auxiliary Outreach Project		
Auxiliary participation in the Auxiliary Outreach Program. (Report what you did, the number of members, and hours.)		
Submitted National Award required entry form to Department Chairman by March 31, 2023		
Partnering with another community organization (Report every time you do this.)		
Chairman attended a School of Instruction – Sunday 2022 Convention Training, District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference		
Chairman attended their own District Meeting		
Reported every quarter		

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