

## **AUXILIARY OUTREACH**

**February 2026**

Just a quick reminder of what Auxiliary Outreach is - Partnering with other community organizations or agencies for the benefit or improvement of **your community**. **It is a donation of time**.

Check with local organizations and helping agencies to find out what your Auxiliary can do to help. Remember, **it is a donation of time**, not money or in-kind donations. Auxiliary members should not plan or direct the event/ project, they are there to provide manpower.

Wear VFW Auxiliary attire (shirt, hat, or name badge) to let community members know the Auxiliary is out in the community volunteering, it is also a good way to start a conversation about the Auxiliary and our programs.

Auxiliary Outreach projects should be approved by the Auxiliary and recorded in the meeting minutes prior to the project. In case of natural disasters or emergency situations the project may be voted on after the fact.

Remember, Auxiliary Outreach is for projects NOT AFFILIATED with VFW or VFW Auxiliary programs. **Volunteer work that is performed for the benefit of the Post or Auxiliary is NOT considered Auxiliary Outreach**.

If the event/project can be reported under another Auxiliary program then that is where it should be reported not under Auxiliary Outreach. **Hours cannot be split with other programs**. If an event/project is solely for Veterans such as a Veterans dinner then it needs to be reported under Veterans and Family Support.

When completing the report please indicate the local organization or agency you are partnering with and the specific role of Auxiliary members. "Helped with community dinner" is very vague and does not give a complete picture of the event/project. If you send pictures in with your reports, you might want to make sure you are wearing something that identifies you as a VFW Auxiliary member. Just saying!

Thanks to all Auxiliaries who have participated in this program and sent in reports. Keep up the good work!

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