



Auxiliary Outreach



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Now is the time to take a few minutes and report on all the wonderful volunteer work you do helping people in your communities. It is much easier to do it while the project is fresh in your mind that to wait till later. I have enjoyed reading some of the projects being done. We are quite a group of *doers*.

- There are always food pantries that need help
- Clothing donation sites that need help
- Blood drives that need help
- Community theaters and schools that need help
- Meals on Wheels usually needs volunteers
- If you are qualified to do taxes, volunteer to help at community sites offering free services
- Sometimes there are fun sites that are open to the public in the summer but closed for winter. Do they still need help through the winter?

As always, wear something showing you are a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Be very clear with your members on what Outreach is. I personally have been doing phone calls to remind members of another organization of upcoming events and never thought to report it. It doesn't seem like a big thing - just some phone calls, but I am helping that organization and it is reportable. I imagine some of your members may be doing things that just don't seem like that big of a deal, but they are volunteering for other organizations and that is reportable.

Anytime you are volunteering try to get a picture. You probably can't take a photo of people you are helping, but you can get a picture of you helping at the event. One of the National awards is for an outstanding photo collage of an auxiliary and their Outreach partners during the current program year. If you take photos each time you do a project this would not be too difficult to accomplish. You will need to describe the activities and events in the photos and include any flyers or social media posts or other information. The application is available on line under Auxiliary Outreach.

We are still not 100% reporting in Outreach. Please check with your members and report their activities on the Kansas VFW website. If you have questions on reporting, please contact me.

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