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VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS Report Overview for 2024 – 2025

SEND A COMPLETED REPORT TO YOUR DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AND DISTRICT CHAIRMAN. YOUR AUXILIARY IS ENCOURAGED TO REPORT REAL TIME AS PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED. ALL REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 31, 2025.

2024 Bylaws – Sec. 810A – Auxiliary President (page 72):

- Shall see that all reports are correctly made out and promptly forwarded.
- All the business of the Auxiliary is transacted in a proper and efficient manner.

Using the appropriate report form, list and describe your Auxiliary approved events and projects as they pertain to each program. Please fully answer all questions asked. Use extra pages as needed. **DO NOT** include personal activities performed for relatives, friends, or your church. **PLEASE: ONLY REPORT ACTIVITIES COMPLETED. REMEMBER PROJECTS MAY INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE PROGRAM, UNLESS REPORTING ON AUXILIARY OUTREACH. YOU MAY SPLIT HOURS VOLUNTEERED OR MONIES SPENT FOR ALL OTHER PROGRAMS.**

AMERICANISM:

Eisenhower Vigil; Promote Patriotism (recognition to community residents and/or businesses for correctly displaying flag or displays of Patriotism, etc.); POW/MIA Recognition; Flag Education; Patriotic Holiday Events (Independence Day, Veterans Day, Loyalty Day, etc.). Occasion cards/funeral activities for community members (**excludes Veterans, their families, military, Post and Auxiliary members**).

AUXILIARY OUTREACH:

****INVOLVES NO MONEY, JUST YOUR TIME. EVENT CANNOT BE REPORTED UNDER ANY OTHER PROGRAM.****

Working with other organizations within your community. Assisting them with their activities. Please be sure you wear something that identifies you as a VFW Auxiliary member (shirt/blouse; pin; cap/hat; etc.). Examples of where volunteer help may be needed in your community: Meals on Wheels; Animal Shelters; Soup Kitchens; Food Pantries; American Diabetes Association; Relay for Life; American Humane Society; Salvation Army (bell ringing at Christmas); Rotary; Chambers of Commerce; Lions Club; Museums; Senior Centers; City/County Government; Informative Event; First Responders; Disaster Relief; Cancer Association; Heart Association; ALS Association; Churches.

“BUDDY”® POPPY/VFW NATIONAL HOME:

Buddy Poppy distributions; Star Donor; VFW National Home/Hotline and Life Membership; Media Promotions, Santa Shop; Home Front Hero; Tribute Bricks; Tribute Park; Amazon Wish List items.

EXTENSION AND REVITALIZATION: The Essentials: Healthy Auxiliary Toolkit; Auxiliary Revitalization; Program reporting; Official Visit reports; Media promotion; Auxiliary & Member Nominations; Greeting Committee; Meeting attendance; Quorums; Agendas; Suspensions; Disbandment.

MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP: Ensuring a positive member experience – Keep in contact, get to know them; Engaging in learning opportunities – Online Auxiliary Academy, Resource page on the National Website, Resources on the Department of Kansas website; Develop member confidence in leadership roles – Promote the Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation.

HISTORIAN:

Document through print and pictures, the National President’s visit; Encourage documentation of Department President and Line Officer visits; Encourage documentation of District and Auxiliary meetings and events; Encourage the formation and development of social media (such as Facebook, YouTube, or Twitter), Print Media, and Websites.

HOSPITAL & VAVS:

National website & Ambassador blogs; Department website & Facebook posts; Department Chairman emails/snail mails; VFW Auxiliary Hospital Program Guide; VFW Auxiliary VAVS Participation Guide; Volunteer Service in Medical Facilities; Volunteer Recruitment and Recognition; Sponsorship of Hospital Youth Volunteers; Sponsorship of non-member Hospital volunteers; Hospital Pledge/General Fund; Veterans Health Care (VHA); Women Veterans Health Care (CWA); OPERATION We Got Your Back(Side) 2.0; Honors Escort (in facility ceremony for deceased veteran); Valentines for Veterans; National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans; Observances & Holidays; Veterans Voices Writing Project; VFWA Nomination Outstanding Volunteer; VFWA Nomination Outstanding Hospital Recruiter; Hospital Sewing/Crafting/Baking; No Veteran Dies Alone; James H. Parke Scholarship; Dept. Veteran Affairs Research and Development; District & Department Hospital Fundraising events; Media promotions i.e. Hospital events, Volunteer recruitment, etc.

:DONATIONS TO AND VOLUNTEERING FOR:

Veterans Administration (VA) Hospitals; State and/or County Soldiers & Veterans Homes; Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC); Local and Community Hospitals; Long-term Care Hospitals & Hospice; Urgent Care Facilities; Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC); Nursing Homes; Assisted/Senior Living Centers; Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs); Clinics - Dental, Orthodontic; Optometry; Mobile, etc.; Medical Offices and Laboratories; Rural Health Centers; Mental Health Centers; Addiction Treatment Centers; Birth & Reproductive Centers; Sperm and Egg Cell Banks; Orthopedic or Other Rehabilitation Centers; Dialysis or Other Chronic Health Care Facilities; Diabetes or Other Chronic Health Education Centers; Imaging and Radiology Centers; Clinical Research Center (CRC); Blood Banks/Drives (blood donation = time donating only); Pharmacies and Drug Stores; Homeless Healthcare Facilities; Ronald McDonald House.

LEGISLATIVE:

VFW Priority Goals; VFW Action Corps Weekly; Voter Registration; Get Out The Vote; Checkpoint Newsletter; Media Promotions; Legislative involvement; Legislative Alert Activities; Member and Community Educational Activities; Legislative Contact Activities (personal letters, email, faxes, phone)

MEMBERSHIP:

Recruitment Campaigns; phone calls, dues reminders, team meetings, etc. Retention of current members; Growth of the Auxiliary and the Organization; Coffee Tours & Dues Round-up; Media Promotions.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Student Participation, Recipient Recognition, and Community Awareness for: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Kansas VFW Endowment, Youth American Patriotic Art, Continuing Education Scholarships; Fundraisers and monetary donations; Assistance to other Scholarships; Media promotions.

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT:

Veterans and Military Support Programs (National Military Service – NMS) includes Unmet Needs, Sports Clips, Help a Hero Scholarships and Military Assistance Program (MAP); Memberships; National Veterans Service (NVS) Aid to Veterans and their families; Wreaths Across America; Family Readiness Group (FRG); Adopt-A-Unit; Donations to other Veterans groups; Media Promotions; Occasion cards or funeral activities for Veterans, their families, military, Post and Auxiliary members; Stand Downs.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Youth Groups Supporting our Veterans National Citations; Random Acts of Patriotism (RAP); Patriotism Through Literacy; Involve Youth in ALL Auxiliary Programs; Encouraging Youth to participate in Youth Contests, and Illustrating America; Sponsoring and working with youth groups (4-H, Boy/Girl Scouts, ball teams, school groups, daycares; Foster Grandparent Program; Non-paid babysitting/childcare (DO NOT include care for relatives).

THIS OVERVIEW IS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AND REFERENCE. THIS IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF PROJECTS. PLEASE REFER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS WEBSITE, www.vfwauxks.org AND THE MONTHLY ISSUES OF THE SUNFLOWER EXPRESS FOR CURRENT PROJECTS AND PROMOTIONS.

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