



AUXILIARY OUTREACH PROGRAM

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Welcome to AUXILIARY OUTREACH in 2025-2026!

What is AUXILIARY OUTREACH?

A **bridge** from our auxiliaries, into our communities.

An **introduction** of our auxiliaries, to our communities.

How do we perform AUXILIARY OUTREACH?

We spend **our time** helping organizations in our communities

With **their** projects and events

Under **their** leadership and direction.

When does AUXILIARY OUTREACH happen?

After our auxiliary passes a **motion** to assist a specific organization.

After the organization agrees to **accept** the help of our VFW Auxiliary members.

Where does AUXILIARY OUTREACH occur?

At the community organizations' events or as they **direct**.

Events can take place at a VFW Post, but the Post or Auxiliary cannot plan them.

Who performs AUXILIARY OUTREACH?

One or (preferably) more of **our members**.

Who will our members help with AUXILIARY OUTREACH?

Organizations that assist our communities for needs such as:

Food pantries

Homeless shelters

Blood drives

Fund raising for health or safety causes

Senior citizen centers or nursing homes

What do we do as AUXILIARY OUTREACH?

Well ... **We DO**. We give of ourselves - our time and our energy.

Members' **HOURS** and **MILES** ... **ONLY**.

What is **NOT** AUXILIARY OUTREACH?

Anything that can be reported for any other VFW Auxiliary program.

Anything that involves giving money or goods.

Anything that our auxiliary or our members plan, lead or direct.

STEPS needed for AUXILIARY OUTREACH:

1. **Identify** a nonprofit organization in your community that can benefit from volunteer time by your auxiliary members.
2. Introduce and **pass a motion or a standing rule** at your auxiliary meeting to count your members' time volunteering with that organization, as AUXILIARY OUTREACH.
3. **Confer** with that organization that they will accept your members as volunteers, and that they are okay with your members wearing apparel that identifies the VFW Auxiliary.
4. Then ... **Show up**, wearing something that identifies the VFW Auxiliary (such as a hat, shirt, scarf, pin) and help **as they direct you**.
5. Prepare a **report** of the number of your auxiliary members, along your members' hours and your members' miles, were involved to help the organization.
6. Post on social media about your AUXILIARY OUTREACH involvement using **#AuxiliaryOutreach** to be eligible for the National program award (see below).

Keep in mind ...

You can pass a single **motion** to assist an organization throughout the year OR for a specific project or event. A new motion is needed for each new VFW Auxiliary year unless your Auxiliary passes a Standing Rule..

The organization must benefit the **community** in general – not only those of a specific religion or ethnicity.

The organization must be non-political.

If your members' involvement can be reported under **any** other VFW Auxiliary program, then you cannot report it under AUXILIARY OUTREACH.

If your activity with the organization includes any donation of goods or funds, then you cannot report it as AUXILIARY OUTREACH. (Although you may report it to your VFW Post for their Community Service Report.)

Any activity that you report as AUXILIARY OUTREACH may also be reported to your **VFW Post** for their **Community Service Report**.

NATIONAL AWARD for Auxiliaries – AUXILIARY OUTREACH

Citation and \$25 to one VFW auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that shares the most outstanding AUXILIARY OUTREACH activity and/or event using **#AuxiliaryOutreach** on social media during the 2025-2026 Program Year. (Required entry form, available in MALTA Member Resources, must be received by the Department Chairman by March 31, 2026.)

DEPARTMENT AWARDS for Auxiliaries – AUXILIARY OUTREACH

First, second and third place winners will be awarded in each membership group. (See Page 4.)

