

Auxiliary Outreach

***“REACH OUT & PARTNER
to VOLUNTEER” TIME!***



Who? What?

When? Where?

Why?

& How?

WHO should your Auxiliary members approach to establish partnerships?

- Non- profit, civic and other organizations that support residents, animals, and the environment can be approached in person, by letter or email to offer partnerships that will provide volunteers to help and assist in making their company goals and projects a reality.
- Homeless shelters and Assistance Centers; EMT/Fire/Police Safety Classes/Centers; Red Cross, Cancer, and other charities; animal shelters; fundraisers to benefit the public or community members in need; adopt a highway; Town/City/open areas/community gardens; food shelves and pantries.

WHAT steps should an Auxiliary take to have a successful Outreach Program:

- Partner with non- profit, civic and other organizations that support residents, animals, and the environment.
- Have a MOTION APPROVED AND RECORDED IN THE MINUTES prior to partnering and volunteering TIME.
- At least one (1) member of any age or skill set must volunteer TIME with the other approved organizations.
- Members must WEAR VFW AUXILIARY ATTIRE OR INSIGNIA (shirt, hat, name badge, lanyard, etc.) when volunteering TIME.
- Volunteers should share information about membership eligibility, and Auxiliary programs but not disrupt the event – this is not a membership drive.

WHEN can members establish partnerships, request Auxiliary approval and volunteer TIME?

- Partnerships can be for single events or for multiple on-going needs.
- Partnerships need to be approved and recorded PRIOR TO THE EVENTS EACH YEAR UNLESS INCLUDED IN STANDING MOTIONS.
- Partnerships/volunteer TIME need to be reported to the Department Chairman to ensure Auxiliary credit. Standing motions needed to be reported annually.
- Year-end reports must be received by March 31st, 2025, to be eligible for Department and National awards.

WHERE can members volunteer **TIME** and **show their community support?**

- Auxiliary members should volunteer TIME with organizations that serves to benefit and improve the community.
- Cook, serve food/drinks, or deliver food to shut-ins; make beds and do laundry at homeless shelters.
- Feed, walk dogs, and clean animal cages; clean, paint, and repair inside/outside community facilities.
- Upkeep public parks & walkways; plant trees and flowers in open areas.
- Read or write letters, teach computer skills to seniors; be a personal shopper for shut ins.
- Register donors at Blood Drives; register and/or time participants and/or provide water to walkers at fund raisers.

WHY should an Auxiliary “reach out” to other organizations and establish partnerships?

- VFW and VFW Auxiliary members being visible in their Auxiliary attire is a win/win.
- Partners benefit from the years of knowledge and experience that volunteers apply to the project.
- Sharing time in the community residents gives Auxiliary members the opportunity to educate the community about the VFW Auxiliary, its programs, goals, and membership eligibility for membership.
- Auxiliary members meet new people, learn new skills, and develop personal confidence.

HOW does an Auxiliary get credit for its **partnerships and volunteer TIME?**

- Auxiliary Program Chairman report partnership details including motion, volunteer attire and TIME to the Department Chairman by email, USPS, or phone call. Donations, monetary, gift cards or goods, are not reportable.
- Auxiliary members are helpers and are NEVER in charge of events and activities for Outreach credit.
- Activities that benefit the VFW, the VFW Auxiliary and/or the Post Home do not qualify for credit.
- Activities that are reportable under other VFW Auxiliary programs, do not qualify for credit.

-- REPORT by the 1st --

- Partnership
 - Motion
- Activity duties
- Members &Hours

#1. WHY WON'T THIS AUXILIARY RECEIVE CREDIT?

PROGRAM NAME AUXILIARY OUTREACH

AUXILIARY No. 12345

DISTRICT No. 99

PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOW YOUR AUXILIARY/ MEMBERS PERFORMED/ATTENDED/PROMOTED/DONATED TO THIS PROGRAM. INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL PAGE, IF NECESSARY, FOR YOUR REPORT.

Auxiliary voted to partner with "Walk for Life" and donated \$100 and purchased 3 cases of water.

4 members participated - 16 hours

---Reasons for # 1 Rejection---

- 1. Credit is received for volunteer hours only – motion was to make a cash donation and purchase water – motion needs to include members volunteering their hours to “help” with the event.
- 2. “Participate” -- doesn’t define how the volunteers helped. If they “walked” in the walk to raise money that IS NOT Outreach. If they handed out water or helped with registration, that IS Outreach.
- 3. No information on how the volunteers could be easily recognized as VFW Volunteers.

#2. WHY WON'T THIS AUXILIARY RECEIVE CREDIT?

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Members voted at the May meeting to partner with the American Legion to serve luncheon to the veterans in the local nursing homes. 6 members wore VFW Auxiliary name tags/ They cooked and served 50 veterans for a total of 25 hours.

---Reason for # 2 Rejection ---

- 1. Auxiliary Outreach is for partnerships and donation of time that CANNOT be reported under another VFW or Auxiliary Program. This report should be sent to Veterans and Family Support or Hospital.
 - Note: Partnering with organizations such as: Gold Star Mothers or Wreaths Across America are part of New York's Americanism program and should be reported to the Americanism Chairman.

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Our auxiliary read 2 letters for Christmas Programs in which they asked the auxiliary for assistance during the holiday season.. We will be splitting the costs for 4-6 families for dinner and gifts for the children. A motion was made and recorded. We also approved our Angel Program spending \$100.00 for their Elves to do the shopping. This is now our 2nd year working with them.

---Reason for # 3 Rejection ---

- 1. Donation of money and the cost of gift items IS NOT Outreach.
- `Note – if this Auxiliary is planning to “help” by donating time, it needs to be included in the motion. TIME spend helping shop, gift and distribute gifts or cooking, serving and delivering meals would be OUTREACH.

Auxiliary Outreach Reporting –

Examples with the requirement
elements listed:

At the July 2024 meeting the Auxiliary members voted to partner with XYZ County Food Bank. It was approved that members would volunteer to pickup, pack and deliver groceries to area shut-in Senior Citizens every month. The motion was recorded in the minutes.

July 2024 - 4 members each volunteered 3 hours each week (4 weeks in July). Members work red, white and blue Post Auxiliary shirts and name badges.

Total hours – July 48 hours

Month: October 2024 - Post Auxiliary partnered with the local Thrifty Mission to volunteer to work at the mission various days/hours during the month of October performing tasks such as cleaning, serving, and collecting, sorting and distributing household items to those in need. The mission helps serve the homeless, hurricane victims and many others who need assistance.

The partnership was brought to the Auxiliary membership and approved at our September meeting, as is noted in our Meeting Minutes.

One Auxiliary member attended various days throughout the month wearing VFW Post Auxiliary shirt. Total 20.5 hours.

Remember - Report

Who? What? When?

Where? Why?

Email -- USPS -- Phone



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“From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans” as we continue

“Soaring into the Next Century of Service with Our Veterans and Their Families!”