

VFW Auxiliary Department of South Dakota
Auxiliary Outreach Guide Sheet 2025-2026
National Theme: From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring
Veterans
Department Theme: Saluting Our Heroes

2025-2026 Dept. Chairman: Nancy Worth

Program Goals: Building Partnerships, Auxiliary Participation in Outreach

Auxiliary Outreach is a program that partners members with other organizations within the local community. The hope is that this year will be full of community activities that will allow members to serve community members and Veterans. It has been proven that by working together, we can continue to get things done while supporting our Veterans and the Community to achieve our goals.

An Outreach project/event can be held in communities of all types and sizes – rural, suburban and urban, large and small. Here are some ideas to consider for Auxiliary Outreach:

- Participate in walks/runs that benefit other organizations.
- Partner with local Police, Firefighters, EMT's to assist with their community training programs.
- Partnering with parks and recreation centers to assist with their development.
- Partnering with an animal shelter to assist in their community programs.
- Partner with a soup kitchen and/or food distribution center to help community members.

Reporting Guidelines to help aid you in a successful program year follow:

****** It is important that a motion is made at the Auxiliary meeting indicating that when a member(s) volunteer their time for a civic program, school program, youth program, etc., they are representing the VFW Auxiliary and the member should turn in their hours served to be reported for Auxiliary Outreach.

***** When your Auxiliary reports, please indicate how many Auxiliary members participated, the number of hours volunteered as well as the activity and/or event they participated in.

***** Make sure your activity and/or event is NOT AFFILIATED with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary programs. This includes any work that is performed for the benefit of the Post or Auxiliary.

***** Projects may be done by a member who is representing an Auxiliary, by an Auxiliary alone or with the VFW Post.

***** Be visible and show your pride in the VFW Auxiliary by wearing Auxiliary-branded attire when participating in Auxiliary Outreach. The Auxiliary emblem can act as a conversation starter about who we are and what we do.

National Award for Auxiliaries:

1. Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that shares the most outstanding Auxiliary Outreach activity and/or event using #AuxiliaryOutreach during the current program year.

Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department Americanism Chairman by March 31, 2026. Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Please use the following checklist throughout the 2025-2026 year to track your Auxiliary's Community Outreach progress.

Membership Categories:

#1: 10-50 members, #2: 51-110 members, #3: 111-225 members, and #4: 226 & above

Achievements	Completed	Reported
Motion and approval of partnership with another community organization not affiliated with VFW or VFW Auxiliary.		
Volunteer or partner with another organization not affiliated with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary. Must report each time and include the number of members and hours.		
Report total number of organizations partnered with through this program.		