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**South Dakota Department VFW Auxiliary
Auxiliary Outreach
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National Theme: *From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans*

Department Theme: *United in Service for Veterans*

Auxiliary Outreach is a program with a focus on volunteering, not monetary OR in-kind donations. Activities can be a single day or ongoing events/activities.

This is the program that gives the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary the opportunity to let the public know who we are. We have a [perfect chance to enhance the public's perception of our organization.

The purpose is Auxiliaries volunteering to help nonprofit organizations, local groups and to address needs in your community. What Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary is looking to do is to help the community through our acts, not to determine what these organizations can do for us.

When accomplishing a perfect Auxiliary Outreach Program, we need to remember P.A.P.E.R.: **P**artner with local organizations. Search local websites, Facebook pages, and nonprofit organizations in your community or ask your members what other organizations they belong too. Most organizations are short of volunteers – so be eager to help them. Ask these organizations how your Auxiliary can help make their event successful: help in setting up, tearing down, cleaning up, manning stations, answering phones, etc.

Approve – vote at your Auxiliary to approve the activity. Once you have found an organization that needs assistance, tack the activity information back to your Auxiliary for approval, Have your meeting minutes show that one or more of your members will be helping. This can be for a one-time event or a recurring event.

Participate by forming a partnership with another organization . Be sure to show up on time, follow their instructions and bring your “A” game.

Emblem – Wear your Auxiliary hat, shirt or a pin to be recognized as a volunteer from your Auxiliary. This can be a mechanism for membership recruitment.

Report the details of the event/activity at your next Auxiliary meeting. The report should include the number of hours for each member who assisted and how many miles it took to drive to and from the event.

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