

General Orders October 2025
Auxiliary Outreach
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I've been asked by Auxiliary members for ideas of organizations to partner with under the Auxiliary Outreach Program. There are many ways to grow your network of organizations outside of the VFW Post and Auxiliary:

- Check local community activities on the internet ("Google it") to see what is happening in your local area.
- Homeless shelters, soup kitchens and food banks/pantries
- Local Police, Fire Departments and EMT Services
- Schools and libraries to help with reading/tutoring programs
- Youth organizations
- Senior Centers
- Community Parks and Recreation Departments
- Habitat for Humanity and other community family projects

You can also go to www.volunteermatch.org – you merely enter your zip code and fill in your Auxiliary members interests to receive a list of places in your area to reach out to. This is a wonderful resource. Another way to promote the availability of volunteers from the Auxiliary is to make and distribute flyers in public community areas. This gives an opportunity for you to reach organizations you may not think of. Be sure to include a contact person and number.

Don't forget to have the project pre-approved at an Auxiliary meeting and have it recorded in the minutes. On rare occasions (i.e., a natural disaster or emergency community need) the project can be voted upon after the fact. When reporting include the number of members volunteering, the hours involved, and the miles driven to assist another organization.

To let it be known that you are a VFW Auxiliary member (& to get Auxiliary Outreach credit), wear an Auxiliary item. This can be a shirt, hat, jacket or a name tag. Be proud to wear these items and smile! Volunteering can be done as an individual or as a group.

Promote your Auxiliary Outreach activities on your social media page. Pictures say so much about how members serve their neighbors and other community organizations. Be sure to include the hashtag #Auxiliaryoutreach on your post.

This program is about partnering with another organization. It does not include donations of good and/or money to help the organization.