

General; Orders August 2025
Auxiliary Outreach
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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 not the Community Service of our past. Participating in Auxiliary Outreach means to **Volunteer WITH another organization not Volunteer FOR.**

This program has to do with improving the lives of Veterans, service members, their families and our COMMUNITIES as a whole. Remember, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary has greatly improved how we are perceived; but many still think of a VFW as a smoky, dimly-lit bar where Veterans tell old war stories.

Working the Auxiliary Outreach program will help to improve the perception of both the VFW and Auxiliary within our communities. HOW? By letting residents know what we do, who we are and our purpose; which includes helping the local communities.

Presenting a positive presence in our communities (urban or rural) by forming PARTNERSHIPS with other organizations can help increase our membership and help to promote us as a positive presence in our communities. Auxiliary Outreach can fit into many aspects of our communities as activities can:

- Be performed by folks of any skill level, ability or age.
- Benefit animals, the environment and public spaces.
- Benefit senior citizens, those with disabilities and children.
- Partner with other organizations in any type of community setting – urban or rural.

While helping another organization, identify yourself as 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! Be sure to take pictures when assisting another organization as there is a National Award this year for the best photo collage of community events. Volunteering can be done as an individual or as a group.

The benefits of the Auxiliary Outreach program are:

- Helping others
- Learning new skills
- Meeting new people
- Developing a sense of purpose

- Personal growth

Auxiliary Outreach projects cannot be affiliated with the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the VFW Auxiliary. Events held at your Post Home are allowed if:

- ✓ The VFW or Auxiliary did not plan the activity and will not benefit from the activity.
- ✓ The organization is using the Post Home only as a venue to hold its event and the complete preliminary planning was on their own.
- ✓ Auxiliary members are only there as volunteers to help on the day(s) of the event.