

General Orders February 2026
Auxiliary Outreach
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Has your Auxiliary completed the Auxiliary Outreach National Program Award form yet? There is no need to wait for the March 31st judging deadline to accomplish this. If the project you feel your Auxiliary did the best has already been completed, submit the form to me. Make sure you have shared the activity on social media using the **#AuxiliaryOutreach** hashtag.

Auxiliary Outreach National Ambassador, Sara Manke, stated in her promotion that “almost every month has a day or week recognizing volunteerism.” AND volunteerism is the key to Auxiliary Outreach! February has tons of recognition days, but not all can fall into the requirements of this program.

Basically said, this program cannot:

- Include any funds spent (either by the Auxiliary OR the member(s) involved in the project.
- Include an event/activity that is sponsored by the Auxiliary and/or Post.
- Include a single member at their own church.
- Be considered to fall under another National Program (i.e., Americanism, Veterans & Family Support, Youth Activities).

So... here are some upcoming recognition days/weeks that you might want to incorporate into your Auxiliary's activities for February.

- Black History Month – volunteer at local apartment setting to lead a discussion group about Black Americans who have changed our world.
- National Spay/Neuter Awareness Month – partner with local Animal Shelter to volunteer time with their “clients.”
- Random Acts of Kindness Week (2/15-20/2026) – partner with local grocery stores to assist folks by getting their purchases to their vehicles.
- Student Volunteer Week (2/9-13/2026) – this is a global and national initiative to celebrate impacts students make on communities; perhaps partner with a college environmental group to clean up a section of highway.
- Take a Child to the Library Day (2/7/2026) – partner with local library in reading at the Story Hour (this one is tricky as could also be a Youth Activities project – discuss with your Auxiliary on how to accomplish this as Outreach).
- National Clean Out Your Bookcase Day (2/20/2026) – again a great one for partnering with your local library.

Things to remember with this particular program are:

- The project must be voted on by your Auxiliary membership before the project/event.
- Wear anything that will identify you as a VFW Auxiliary member.
- Report the projects in a creative and descriptive way.
- Post photos on social media using **#AuxiliaryOutreach** hashtag.

Whew! Lots of information, but I am always available if there are questions regarding this program. It is one of the most confusing and has lots of requirements connected to projects/events.