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**South Dakota Department VFW Auxiliary
Auxiliary Outreach
Bulletin February 2025**

National Theme: *From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans*
Department Theme: *United in Service for Veterans*

I have been reminding Auxiliaries about the photos of their Auxiliary Outreach events in all of my bulletins. WHY? Because the South Dakota Auxiliary with the best collage of photos taken while assisting other organizations will be sent to National for the possibility of \$25.00 and a National Citation. The entries must be to me by March 31, 2025! Entry form is included in the Outreach Resources. I would love to have 30+ entries to judge!

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary National Auxiliary President Brenda Bryant's theme this year is "From Our Roots to Our Branches: Extending Service to Our Veterans," is a definite reflection of this program. Auxiliary Outreach shows our continued commitment to our Veterans.

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.

What is considered Auxiliary Outreach? Examples:

- Working as a spotter, water station volunteer, timekeeper, etc. for a benefit walk or run.
- Working with local police on child ID kits or EMTs hosting CPR Training.
- Working with firefighters on fire safety and prevention.
- Serving food at soup kitchens.

What isn't considered Auxiliary Outreach? Examples:

- Repairs to, maintenance or beautification of the Post home.
- Cooking or serving a meal for a Post or Auxiliary fundraiser.
- "Buddy" Poppy distribution.
- VFW or Auxiliary meetings, conventions, conferences or schools of instruction.
- Providing an honor guard at a member's funeral.
- Flying the American Flag.
- Church activities for one specific congregation and not the entire community.

Feel free to call or email if you have any questions. Thank you for serving our Veterans.

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