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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*

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary National Auxiliary Outreach Ambassador, Bambi Johnson, has indicated that “the most successful Auxiliaries in this program are those that are actively growing their network of outside organizations.” She shared a resource (from Gennie Pickins, Auxiliary Outreach Chairman, Dept. of Indiana) which is www.volunteermatch.org – you merely enter your zip code and fill in your Auxiliary interests to receive a list of places in your area to reach out to.

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.

Since December 3rd is National Day of Giving, let’s make sure we give back to our communities throughout the month of December. Many suggestions have been made in my past bulletins, but the holiday season offers lots of organizations that can utilize additional volunteers. REMEMBER, Auxiliary Outreach is to be only volunteering. Any project or event cannot be contributed to with funding – Auxiliary members assist by giving of their time.

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.

Remember:

- The project must be voted on by your Auxiliary membership.
- Wear anything that will identify you as a VFW Auxiliary member.
- Report the projects in a creative and descriptive way.

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.

Wishing all of my VFW Comrades and Auxiliary Brothers & Sisters a very Happy Holidays and a safe New Year.

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