

Auxiliary Outreach

Bulletin 1

I am excited to be the Chairman of the Auxiliary Outreach for 2024-2025 and I look forward to working with you and seeing all the great projects and work that you will be taking on this year.

What is Auxiliary Outreach?

Auxiliary Outreach is volunteer work performed by an Auxiliary under the direction of another organization, for the benefit of their community or its institutions that your Auxiliary has approved at an Auxiliary meeting. **It is a donation of time**, not in-kind or monetary donations. It is about collaborating with other organizations in our communities to help improve where we live and make their project/event a successful one.

Auxiliary Outreach can:

- Be performed by people of any age, skill set or ability level.
- Benefit any group of people such as youth, senior citizens and those with disabilities.
- Benefit animals, the environment and public spaces.
- Be done in communities of all types and sizes – rural, suburban and urban, small and large

Partnerships in Auxiliary Outreach may be a single event or regular ongoing events throughout the year.

What are examples of Auxiliary Outreach?

- Participation in walks that benefit other organizations as an event spotter, water station volunteer, timekeeper, etc. (Walking or running in the race is not part of Auxiliary Outreach.)
- Working with local police on child ID kits.
- Working with firefighters on fire safety and prevention.
- Working with EMTs to host CPR training.
- Handing out food at soup kitchens.
- Delivering food for Meals on Wheels.

When you volunteer, remember to wear something that signifies you are a member of the VFW Auxiliary. For example, you could wear a membership pin, shirt, hat, jacket or vest. It does not have to be something big, but by wearing something that signifies the VFW Auxiliary, you are showing the community that we care.

For each “event”, keep track of the number of Auxiliary members that volunteer and how much time. You will need this information for your year-end report. On the Department Web Page, there is a tracking spreadsheet available to download and help you track the events and information. The spreadsheet will total up the hours and members for you. For those of you that do not use excel, there is also a pdf version of this tracking sheet to download and use.

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Further information and resources about Auxiliary Outreach is available on our Department web site Programs page under Auxiliary Outreach and on Malta.

Department Link/ QR Code:



Malta Link/QR Code:



I am also available to help you and meet with you to help your Auxiliary with the program, including meeting with you or your Auxiliary on Zoom.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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