

Hello everyone. It is so good to see you here at School of Instruction today. For those of you that do not know me, I'm Tom Huffman your Auxiliary Outreach Chairman. I am out of District 16 and belong to the Longview Auxiliary.

### **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 a 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.

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 help 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.
- Handing out food at soup kitchens.

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 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 and miles. 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 events and information. If you track your time throughout the year, your year end report will be ready to fill in with your volunteer details.

Take pictures of your Auxiliary Outreach projects. Post them on your website and share them to let others know what you've done. Please tag them with #AuxiliaryOutreach.

The index cards handed out to you have my contact information as well as two QR codes. The first is for a direct link to our department web page and program information about Auxiliary Outreach. The second QR code is for materials available to you in Malta.

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District Presidents – You have packets of materials for each Auxiliary. In that packet are the yearend report, Auxiliary Outreach National Program entry form, and my first bulletin for the year. Please hand this out to your Auxiliaries and encourage them to take part in this program and send their yearend reports when they are due in April.

If you have further questions, please contact me. If you would like to have me meet with your Auxiliary and talk about the program, let me know and we can arrange to do with my attending in person or do a zoom meeting.

Thank you for your time today and I look forward to hearing about your volunteer efforts you do.

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