

## Auxiliary Outreach

I am excited to be the Chairman of the Auxiliary Outreach for 2025-2026 and I look forward to collaborating with you and seeing all the great volunteer 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 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.

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 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 events and information. The spreadsheet will total 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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Please share your Auxiliary Outreach projects on social media and let others know what you are doing. When you post to social media, please use the hash tag #AuxiliaryOutreach and #AuxDeptWa.

Further information and resources about Auxiliary Outreach can be found on our department web site Programs page under Auxiliary Outreach and in Malta.

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