

Auxiliary Outreach

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I am excited to be the Chairman of the Auxiliary Outreach for 2023-2024 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.

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, a membership pin, shirt, hat, jacket or vest.

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

Community Service:

The Community Service work you do, that includes the monetary donations and other project work that does not fall under Auxiliary Outreach, still needs to be collected, reported and turned in to your Post. The Community Service report form for 2023-2024 is available on the Department web site. We need to record this information and support our Post. To help keep track of which Auxiliaries have reported, please send a copy of what you report to me. Please turn your Community Service report information in

by the 15th of each month and email to me at jthuffman@comcast.net. Further information will be given at School of Instruction on August 5 and August 19 on the Eastside.

Thank you to everyone of you dedicating your time and effort and showing our communities that we care and “Doing it for those who can’t” as part of efforts within the Department of Washington.

I am 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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