

Auxiliary Outreach Mid-Winter Conference 2024

If I asked you to describe Auxiliary Outreach in one word – who can tell me what that word would be?

Volunteer. It is a volunteering of time for someone else's project or event to community at large that is not one of our Auxiliary programs that you report on.

I have been hearing about some of the activities for volunteering time that you have been doing. The projects have ranged from volunteering time for registration for Fall Fun runs, bulb planting for a city Parks Department project, cooking meals at community centers and homeless shelters, volunteering time at an emergency cold shelter, ushering at a Community Theater, help selling concessions for a High School Sports Booster Club and a lot more. Keep up the great work and thank you for doing that.

Give me a show of hands if you or your Auxiliary did any volunteering this year. If I asked you, what you did, how many auxiliary members participated and how much time volunteering you did for each project, could you tell me? If you do, you have the information for your Auxiliary Outreach year-end report for Department that is due by April 15, 2024. Select one of the items, turn that in for the Auxiliary Outreach Auxiliary Award No. 1 Form, and turn that in to me by March 31, 2024.

In talking to some of the auxiliaries that have not done something this year or did not turn in a report for last year, the number one reason was we never got around tuit.

The number two excuse is "I didn't have a pen" to fill out the report.

Therefore, no excuses not to fill out your year-end report and award form. I am handing out to you a round tuit and an Auxiliary Outreach pen today to each of you.

Seriously, if you have questions, please ask! Call or email me. I am here to help you. Please, turn in your report. I cannot reiterate it enough as to how important this is, so we can further report what you have done and be able to share the ideas and ways to do Auxiliary Outreach. We can learn and inspire each other by sharing.

Regarding Community Service information you need to give to your Post and is essential to have when we take this online for you to record, here are the key items of information you need to know to record this information online:

- 1) Date of the Activity
- 2) What Post **or** Auxiliary Program the activity is under
- 3) Description about the activity
- 4) How many Auxiliary members participated
- 5) How much did you spend (\$0.00 if Auxiliary Outreach)
- 6) How many miles were driven
- 7) How many hours of time were volunteered

Now, a few things on Community Service. As a reminder, the Auxiliary Programs that are reportable for Community Service are as follows:

- Americanism
- Auxiliary Outreach

- VFW National Home
- Hospital
- Legislative
- Scholarships
- Veterans & Family Support
- Youth Activities

A couple of key reminders of what is not reportable for Community Service:

Attending District Meetings or time spent doing the official duties of your District Office, hours you spent on a Buddy Distribution and how much you earned distributing poppies, recycling, flying the American flag at your home or Post, working your Post canteen, doing maintenance or cleaning at your Post, personal contributions to your church.

Thank you! Have a great rest of the year.

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