

Auxiliary Community Outreach Program

The Auxiliary Community Outreach Program is when an Auxiliary member or members volunteer in the community or with another organization in the community. It is the number of Auxiliary members and the number of hours volunteered, not monies donated. This is something we are already doing. Many of the hours submitted on your community service report may be used in this program. This program encompasses projects not affiliated with VFW or VFW Auxiliary programs.

Possible Ways To Participate In This Program:

- Help First Responders;
- Deliver Meal On Wheels;
- Tutor Our Youth;
- Volunteer With After-School Programs;
- Help Seniors
 - Read To Nursing Home Residents;
 - Deliver Groceries Or Meals;
 - Drive Seniors To Doctor Appointments;
 - Mow Their Lawn Or Clean Their Homes;
- Help Animals And The Environment
 - Care For Cats And Dogs At A Shelter;
 - Plant A Tree For Arbor Day;
 - Participate In The Cleanup Of A Local River/Pond/Lake;
- Help The Hungry Or Homeless
 - Volunteer At A Soup Kitchen;
 - Volunteer With Backpack Snack Programs;
 - Help Organize And Sort Donations At A Homeless Shelter.

A motion should be approved at the beginning of the 2021-2022 Program Year stating when members volunteer their time for a civic, school, youth program, etc. they are representing the VFW Auxiliary and should turn their hours served in to their Auxiliary Community Outreach Program Chairman. It would be helpful for this chairman to keep a monthly log.

You are to wear VFW attire when volunteering for this program. (Ex: name badge, shirt, hat, jacket, etc. An idea is a lanyard with the Auxiliary logo, your name, and Auxiliary.)

From National: Something new this year is being added. This Fall marks the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 and to commemorate this date we are adding an initiative of volunteering with a group of/for an organization that supports first responders. Criteria and entry form (required) available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Auxiliary Community Outreach Chairman by March 31, 2022.

Please see Department and National Websites for more information on this program.
Our National Chairman this year is Mary Ryser from La Quinta, CA.

Department of Minnesota ONLY Award

Please bring a picture with a description of your Auxiliary member/members participating in an activity for this program to Fall Conference. A certificate and \$10.00 will be awarded to the winning entry.

Year-End Reports are due 3/31/22. Department Awards will be considered for the most members and hours involved and participation in the First Responders Event.

Please contact me with any questions.

“Serving Our Heroes and Their Families -- Before, During, and After”

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