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Auxiliary Outreach Program

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What is Auxiliary Outreach?

Volunteering under the direction of another organization for the benefit of their community or it's institutions.



BUT



Outreach Can

- ▶ Be performed by one auxiliary member or a group of auxiliary members.
- ▶ Be performed by people of any age, skill set or ability level.
- ▶ Benefit any group of people, such as children, senior citizens, and those with disabilities.
- ▶ Benefit animals, the environment, and public spaces.
- ▶ Be done in communities of all types - rural, suburban, urban, small and large.

Examples of Auxiliary Outreach

- ▶ Delivering food for Meals on Wheels
- ▶ Work with local police on child ID kits
- ▶ Working with firefighters on fire safety and prevention
- ▶ Work with EMTs to host CPR training
- ▶ Volunteer at an animal shelter
- ▶ Volunteering with garden club to clean up local parks

Not Auxiliary Outreach



Volunteer work for the benefit of the post or auxiliary



Repairs or maintenance to the post home



Buddy Poppy distribution



Church activities or one specific congregation such as usher, elder, deacon



Flying the American Flag

Auxiliary Outreach Activities

OUTREACH

- ▶ Serving food at the local homeless shelter
- ▶ Partnering with Boys & Girls Club to tutor kids
- ▶ Helping a local suicide prevention group set up their walk or hand out water
- ▶ Hosting sock drive at Walmart

NOT OUTREACH

- ▶ Collecting & donating food for the homeless shelter
- ▶ Teaching Folds of the Flag at the Boys & Girls Club (Americanism or Youth Activities)
- ▶ Walking in an event to raise suicide prevention awareness (Veterans & Family Support)
- ▶ Donating Socks to the sock drive

Getting Started

Find local groups &
Organizations in need of
assistance

Ask what your auxiliary can
do to help them

VOTE at your auxiliary meeting
to approve the activity

Form the partnerships

Report the details

Finding Opportunities

- ▶ Ask your members
- ▶ Check local community bulletin boards
- ▶ Check your local community websites for their calendar of events
- ▶ Look in your local newspaper for upcoming events



Events At Your Post Home

- ▶ VFW or Auxiliary did not plan the activity or benefits from the organization.
- ▶ The organization is only using the facility as the venue.
- ▶ The organization completes all the preliminary planning.
- ▶ We are only there as volunteers to help the day of the event.

Why volunteer?

Help Others



Develop a
stronger sense of
purpose

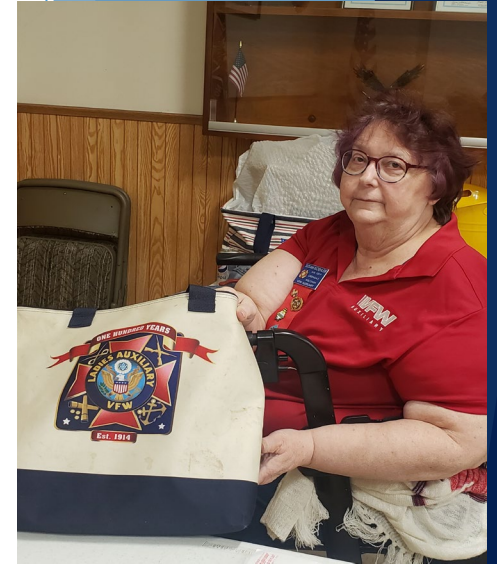
Personal
Growth

Learn new skills

Career
Advancement

Meet new
people

Be Visible! Show your pride in the VFW Auxiliary. Wear your shirt, jacket, or hat with a VFW Auxiliary emblem.



“Bee the Change”



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Questions?