

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

I am excited to have the opportunity to chair the Auxiliary Outreach program for the 2023-2024 year. First let me introduce myself. I was Patriotic Instructor for the Department for the 2022 – 2023 year and I am currently your Department Guard.

Auxiliary Outreach is a way that we can make a difference in our communities. I know that our main focus is helping our Veterans and their families, but volunteering in a partnership with other organizations is another way we can help and show we are committed to not just veterans, but our communities as a whole.

Really, this is an easy way to show our commitment to all. Almost all of us volunteer in some way or another in our communities. To make this program work you must get your local auxiliary to recognize and vote on the partnership you select. A good way to do this is to get a list of organizations you currently partner with, then at the beginning of the year make a motion to partner with them. Then as the year progresses add new ones to your list by vote. Once this is done your members should be reporting their hours and miles.

Remember, you are only a volunteer, wear something to identify yourself as VFW Auxiliary and that no Auxiliary money is spent on the event. For example: booth rentals, prizes for raffles, food, etc.

Always, "Report, Report, Report." I would prefer monthly reports from each auxiliary as it will make my job at the end of the program year smoother. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.