AUXILIARY OUTREACH

"STAND UP, SPEAK OUT" VOLUME 23-24. ISSUE

"BANDING TOGETHER FOR OUR VETERANS"

JANUARY 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



It's a brand-new year!

Let's reach for the sky to help those in need. Time to roll up our sleeves and volunteer in our town and communities.

Here in the sunshine state, we can help runners participate in cancer runs winter and summer. How can we help?

- Hand out bottled waters
- Hand out snacks
- Signing them up for the race
- Be a spotter

All we have to do is reach out there, and help nonprofit cancer organizations, let them know we're here to help ensure their successful event.

This is only (1) of many ways you can help, read my other promotions.

A special award for (1) auxiliary in each membership group who volunteers the most auxiliary community hours with another non-profit organization.

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Count the many ways we can reach out and help!

- First Responders
- Churches
- Towns
- Disaster Relief
- Cancer, Heart, ALS Assoc, etc.
- Community Centers

Your Check off List:

- Have you found a non-profit partnership?
- Did you bring it to your Auxiliary, vote and get approval by membership?
- Did your secretary record it in the minutes of the meeting?
- Did your members work with a nonprofit partnership?
- Did you report on the Department website?
- Wear some type of auxiliary attire and report all hours worked?
- No money or in-kind goods involved, and no splitting hours with another program.

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HISTORIAN MEDIA RELATIONS

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STAND UP, SPEAK OUT

HAPPY NEW YEAR AUXILIARIES

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES and GET STARTED

- 1. Make a Video of one or more Legacy Members.
- 2. Create a Photo album or Scrap book.
- 3. S.N.A.P. Stop now, ask permission.
- 4. Use the photo release forms found on Malta.
- 5. Revive the art of storytelling using photos, newspapers, social media.



Let your stories honor each other and your Auxiliary.

Put photos on your Auxiliary's wall and memories in our hearts.

Use that beautiful thread called photography, that ties everything together with joy for us and generations to come.

Text or email your photos that best describe your report as well.

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HOSPITAL PROGRAM

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Is For a Valentine's VETERANS PARTY Has your Auxiliary planned your special event for Valentines Day?

- Hosting a luncheon or special dinner for Veterans?
- Are you doing something special for Women Veterans for Valentines?
- Visiting Assisted Living/Nursing Homes?
- Have children made special valentines cards for Veterans?
- Planning a raffle to raise funds for your Hosptial program all year?
- Have you reported what you have done this year in Hosptial programs?
- Special award goes to the most creative Valentine's Day event a a Nursing Home, Assisted Living facility, memory care facility...

Recognition and Support: Do you allow time at your meetings for members to report their accomplishments, and open discussion for ideas to be shared? For Volunteering each month do you have a sign-up sheet when members check in for signing up? Are you planning a special mid-year or yearend luncheon for recognition of those who have volunteered and shared ideas, gotten sponsorships or supported any events?

Make sure you track those volunteer hours in a facility to qualify for a volunteer hours pin!

Women Veterans Programs

- Help educate women veterans in your area by hosting a community a community educational seminar, ask your chamber of commerce to help.
- Encourage youth involvement in making cards, purchase materials and ask Scout Troops, local schools to create message and share love for a woman veteran.
- Visit Nursing/Assisted living handing out cards with kisses (Hersey's)
- Auxiliary host a Valentines Day Luncheon for Women Veteran's, recognize each branch of service they served set table with Roses & Candy hearts, small gift bag to take home.
- Recognize and share information at any event, to get more women acknowledged for their service.



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Let's Celebrate "2024"
Work your Legislative
PROGRAM



Does your Veteran, Spouse, and Family need help with Benefits?

There is a range of assistance programs,

VFW.Org

Questions

Does your Auxiliaries use Legislative material/resources in Malta?

Does all your Auxiliaries subscribe to VFW Action Corps Weekly

E-Newsletter?

Does your Auxiliaries promote, and participate activities with VFW Priority Goals plus with your VFW Post?

Does your Auxiliaries contact your local legislators about Veteran issues, using assorted media, email, write, and call etc?

Does your Auxiliaries attend events where your members can interact with local Legislators?

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Mentoring for Leadership C.A.R.E. January 2024 Vol. 6 C -Catch the Member when they first join. A - Ask them to participate, R - Remember what it felt like to be new. E - Engage them in a program that fits them Banning together for Veterans