

AUXILIARY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Program Goals:

- Building Partnerships Outreach
- Auxiliary Participation in Outreach

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S THEME

"Champion for Veterans"

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S THEME

"Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care"

Why is this program important? Our communities are starving for volunteers. The best way of growing our organization is by letting people know we are here to help. Reach out to your community and see where we are needed. This program is a partnership to help groups achieve their goals and objectives.

When working this program remember this word **"SAVER"**

- **S**eek out local groups and organizations
- **A**sk what your Auxiliary can do to partner with them
- **V**ote on your Auxiliary floor to accept the challenge to volunteer
- **E**xecute the partnership
- **R**ecord the details and **report** your success.

What are our goals? Well, that is simple, find a local group or organization to partner with. You can check with your local community in places such as:

- Local Community Center
- Schools
- Community Food or Shelter Programs
- First Responders
- Animal Shelters & Adoption Events

- ✓ This program is all about volunteering and helping in your community; it is NOT about donating items or money.
- ✓ **It IS** about donating our time to make a difference in our community allowing us to take pride in our service to others, especially our veterans and enriching the organizations that receive our help through our partnership. Through these partnerships we strengthen ourselves, our organization and those we assist in our communities.

The *Community Outreach Guide* located under Resources on the VFW Auxiliary National website (www.vfwauxiliary.org) is an excellent tool in helping you determine what does and does not qualify under this program.

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DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES:

1. **Most outstanding community partnership with another organization.**

- Special Award to one Auxiliary in each of the 4 membership groups **that partners with another organization within their community.**

Criteria and entry form (required) available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources .

Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman by March 31, 2023.

NATIONAL AWARDS:

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1. **Most outstanding community partnership with another organization.**

- **Citation to every Auxiliary that partners with another organization within their community.**

Criteria and entry form (required) available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources . Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman by March 31, 2023.

Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.

- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the **most outstanding community partnership.**

Winners will be announced, and awards presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

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