## July Newsletter 2022 Auxiliary Outreach Program

Hello Auxiliary Family!

I hope all of you are having a fantastic summer! We are excited about the action our auxiliary members have taken to get involved in their communities. We encourage all of you to seek out opportunities for you and your fellow auxiliary members to partner with organizations in your community and volunteer. Please read below to hear how a few auxiliaries are taking action.

An Auxiliary member from 1525 in District 10 volunteers with the Clayton Business and Community Association, a nonprofit organization that raises money for the local community (school youth music programs, school sports, STEM project scholarships, holiday events, etc.). This member also volunteered at an Art and Wine festival hosted by the association.

Auxiliary members from 1525 in District 10 volunteered with the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano to sort and bag apples and oranges for distribution to local families in need.

Auxiliary 4647 from District 17 partnered with the Sacramento County Fire Department during their annual fundraiser for burn victims. Auxiliary members helped local firefighters collect donations for their burn unit and provided coffee for the event.

Great job everyone!! We love to hear about the wonderful work you all do!

Remember to bring up auxiliary outreach volunteer opportunities at your auxiliary meetings and vote to accept the challenge to volunteer. It is encouraged for auxiliary members to wear their VFW Auxiliary gear when volunteering. Be sure to send in reports about these outreach activities and send in pictures so we can celebrate your hard work and kindness! Online reporting is available on our department website, just log in to "members only" and there are instructions to help you learn how to report online.

If anyone needs help thinking of ways to partner with organizations in the community to volunteer, do not hesitate to reach out to me. Or if anyone has any questions regarding the Auxiliary Outreach program, please email me at <u>auxoutreachca@gmail.com</u>.

Best Wishes, Melissa Kreutz Auxiliary Outreach Department of California Chairman