

## January Auxiliary Outreach

Happy New Year! Here is the new year and soon the end of this year, I hope your holidays were good and healthy, now let's get into Auxiliary Outreach.

The year is almost over but outreach can still continue, there is so much we do in the community that isn't just veterans but still veterans are always part of our community and everyday lives.

For Outreach no matter what you want to report on please remember the 5 steps of Auxiliary Outreach:

1. Find local groups and organizations that need assistance. Search local newspapers, nonprofit organizations in your community, websites, Facebook pages or ask your members what other organizations they belong to. Most organizations are short on volunteers; be eager to help them.

2. Ask what your Auxiliary can do to help them make their event successful.

Do they need help setting up, tearing down, cleaning up? Maning stations, assisting participants, answering phones or serving?

3. Vote at your Auxiliary meeting to approve the activity. Once you have found an organization that needs your assistance, bring the activity back to your Auxiliary for approval. Have it in the minutes that one or more of your members will be participating. This can be a one-time event or a reoccurring event.

4. Form the partnership with the other organization.

Be sure to show up on time and bring your "A" game. Wear your Auxiliary hat, shirt or pin. Be recognized as a volunteer from your Auxiliary.

5. Report the details.

At your next Auxiliary meeting, report the number of hours each member participated and how many miles it took to drive to and from the event.

Remember these 5 simple steps whenever you are looking to have an event and when reporting. Also please remember to not only report to the Department Chairman, if you report using the reporting system on the website once you receive the email forward that email onto, you're District Chairmen and Auxiliary Chairmen and Secretary so that you're Auxiliary also has a copy just in case.

I hope you all will continue to do what you do for the veterans and the community we all live in.