

## **Auxiliary Outreach -- December 2023**

### **Amanda Smith, Department Chairman**

Happy Holidays! I hope your Holidays are/were happy and healthy. As we say goodbye to 2023 and hello to 2024, we can be proud of all we have done under this Program for 2023, and we can look forward to doing more good things as we volunteer for others in 2024.

This Program is not about any money spent or goods donated: it is about volunteering your time in support of another organization's goals. If any of the events you are considering doing for this Program are eligible to be reported under another Auxiliary Program, please do so, as they are not reportable under Outreach. The Outreach Program is reserved for reporting only those activities that fall *outside* of any Auxiliary Program.

Here are 5 steps to remember when working for this Program:

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, manning 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. The Secretary must record the approval in the Minutes, and should note that one or more of your

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members will be participating. The project can be a one-time event or a recurring activity or event.

4. Form a partnership with the other organization you will be supporting.  
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 on the number of hours each member participated and how many miles it took to drive to and from the event.

Continue reporting and showing everyone in your Auxiliaries, Districts, Department and National, that you don’t just do a lot for Veterans -- the uncommon heroes we support – but you also do a lot for the communities we live and work in.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions:

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