

AUXILIARY OUTREACH PROGRAM

DECEMBER 2024 PROMOTION

Greetings, Department of California Auxiliary,

Happy holidays to all. I am looking forward to a dynamic New Year!!!!!!

In Auxiliary Outreach, there are various specific roles you can take on to make a meaningful impact. You could assist in organizing community events, such as fundraisers or awareness campaigns. Additionally, you could contribute by providing administrative support, managing communications, or coordinating volunteers for outreach programs. Engaging in direct service activities, like preparing and delivering meals to the homes of the needy or participating in building maintenance for such facilities, are also significant ways to contribute. Each role, whether front-facing or behind the scenes, is essential in strengthening the support network for veterans within the community.

The December 2024 Auxiliary Outreach Promotion from the Department of California VFW Auxiliary emphasizes various ways members can support their communities. Key points include:

1. **Volunteer Opportunities:** Members can organize or assist with community events, such as fundraisers and awareness campaigns, and provide administrative or volunteer coordination support. Direct service activities, like meal delivery and facility maintenance, are also highlighted.
2. **Collaborations:** The program encourages partnerships with organizations like police, firefighters, and EMTs for initiatives such as child ID kits, fire safety education, and CPR training.
3. **Community Engagement:** Suggestions include contacting local groups, monitoring local resources for volunteer listings, and attending auxiliary meetings to vote on impactful projects. Proper documentation of volunteer activities in meeting minutes is crucial, including adjustments for emergency assistance.
4. **Mission Statement:** The theme, "From Our Roots to Our Branches: Extending Service to Our Veterans," reflects the program's focus on growing community service, (rooted in strength and dedication to veterans).

The message conveys gratitude and holiday wishes, encouraging members to embrace new beginnings and serve the community.

You can start by contacting local organizations, such as the VFW Auxiliary, and inquire about volunteer opportunities. Many of these groups are eager for help with events and community projects. Additionally, checking local newspapers, community bulletin boards, and online platforms for volunteer listings can lead you to auxiliary outreach programs in need of support. It's important to attend Auxiliary meetings to understand their current initiatives and to vote on new projects which can make a significant impact on the community.

Please remember that the event the Auxiliary member or Auxiliary would like to **assist** with must be voted on by the membership and reflected within the minutes. In the event of an emergency assistance, members can **assist** with the emergency event but please remember to vote in the next meeting to approve the **assistance** for the event, and ensure it is reflected in your Auxiliary minutes.

“From Our Roots to Our Branches: Extending Service to Our Veterans” The VFW Auxiliary Outreach Program will allow our organization to continue “Growing in Service for Our Veterans, Rooted in Strength”

Respectfully,

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