

# Auxiliary Outreach

## Bulletin 1

As we start the new year, there are some changes for what had been previously called Auxiliary Community Outreach. First, what had been Auxiliary Community Outreach; National changed its name to **Auxiliary Outreach**. Second, I am Tom Huffman, this year's Chair for this program. I am out of Cowlitz Valley #1045 and District 16. I am excited to be the Chairman of this program and I look forward to working with you and seeing all the great projects and work that you will be taking on this year.

### **What is Auxiliary Outreach?**

Auxiliary Outreach is volunteer work performed by an Auxiliary under the direction of another organization, for the benefit of their community or its institutions. **It is a donation of time**, not in-kind or monetary donations. It is about collaborating with other organizations in our communities to help improve where we live. *Bee* the *worker bees*/workforce behind someone else's project. *Bee* excited about helping others.

Auxiliary Outreach can:

- Be performed by people of any age, skill set or ability level.
- Benefit any group of people such as youth, senior citizens and those with disabilities.
- Benefit animals, the environment and public spaces.
- Be done in communities of all types and sizes – rural, suburban and urban, small and large

Partnerships in Auxiliary Outreach may be a single event or regular ongoing events throughout the year.

### **What are examples of Auxiliary Outreach?**

- Participation in walks that benefit other organizations as an event spotter, water station volunteer, timekeeper, etc. (Walking or running in the race is not part of Auxiliary Outreach.)
- Working with local police on child ID kits.
- Working with firefighters on fire safety and prevention.
- Working with EMTs to host CPR training.
- Handing out food at soup kitchens.
- Delivering food for Meals on Wheels.

When you volunteer, remember to wear something that signifies you are a member of the VFW Auxiliary. For example, a membership pin, shirt, hat, jacket or vest.

Further information and resources about Auxiliary Outreach is available on our Department web site Programs page under Auxiliary Outreach.

### **Community Service:**

The Community Service work you do, that includes the monetary donations and other project work that does not fall under Auxiliary Outreach, still needs to be collected and reported and turned in. The

Community Service report form for 2022-2023 is available on the Department web site. We need to record this information and support our Post. Please fill them out, turn them in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and email to me at [jthuffman@comcast.net](mailto:jthuffman@comcast.net).

Thank you to everyone of you dedicating your time and effort and *beeing* the change and making a positive impact and showing we care. I am available to will you in every way possible to make this the very best year your Auxiliary has ever had. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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