



# Auxiliary Outreach

## Bulletin 2

It was great seeing many of you at School of Instruction and getting the opportunity to talk to you about Auxiliary Outreach and how we can volunteer time and help others *bee* successful with their project(s).

### **How can we find volunteer opportunities where we can volunteer time?**

- Mine your members. Use this as an opportunity to call your members that aren't attending meetings, check in with them as a wellness check and ask them what other groups do they belong to and what events that organization has coming up and do they know a contact person as part of that call.
- Contact your local Parks Department and find out if your community has a Fall Walk/race, turkey day race or Jingle Bell run that they hold and would like some help with registration or manning a station with water to hand out.
- Check with your local PTA/PTO school organizations or Athletic Booster Clubs or Public School Foundations
- Check with your local Animal Shelter about adoption events or fund raising events they will be holding
- Contact your local community food or shelter programs and ask them what opportunities or needs they have regarding the intake, serving or distributing food or clothing
- Look for opportunities in your local newspapers and magazines.
- Check local community bulletin boards and city/ county/neighborhood calendars.
- Check with your local community theater groups or community orchestras about their performances and if they need ushers or volunteers to set up or clean up after a performance

The year end report for Auxiliary Outreach is available on the Department web site. Please look at it before April to help you with what to track and report. I encourage you to keep track of what you volunteer for, how many members participated and how many hours throughout the year.

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

### **Community Service:**

Please continue to fill out and turn Community Service Reports each month in and email your report to me at [jthuffman@comcast.net](mailto:jthuffman@comcast.net) or mail it to me. If your Auxiliary gives your report information to your post to turn in, please still send in a report to me for tracking purposes.

If you, or any of your members, donate blood through [BloodworksNW.org](http://BloodworksNW.org), **please** mention to them on the day of your appointment **VFW Auxiliary** or the donation code **VFW** when you arrive. All blood donations should get reported on your community service reports.

Listed below details which Auxiliary Programs are to be included as part of your Community Service report:



Auxiliary Programs that count	# of members	# of hours	# of miles	Donations
Americanism				
Auxiliary Outreach				X*
VFW National Home for Children				
Hospital				
Legislative				
Scholarships				
Veterans & Family Support				
Youth Activities				
Total Auxiliary Community Service Information	0	0	0	0

\* if you have a dollar amount of donations, it is not Auxiliary Outreach

Auxiliary Programs that are not part of Community Service:

- Extension & Revitalization
- Buddy Poppy
- Historian & Media Relations
- Mentoring for Leadership
- Membership

Two things that no longer count as Community Service are flying the American flag and recycling. Neither of these should be included on your monthly Community Service reports.

One additional item, working for your Post home or Canteen is also not Community Service.

Thank you to everyone of you dedicating your time and effort and *beeing* the change and making a positive impact and showing we care. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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