

~~ Auxiliary Community Outreach ~~

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION 2020-2021

Note from this chairman: "I regret more than I can say that I am not here with you to celebrate Kathi's successful year and to share the beginning of our new year. Marjorie has put together another outstanding team of Chairmen to promote our auxiliary Programs. It is a sure thing that we will be "**Soaring to New Heights**" while "**Honoring Our Mission to Serve Veterans**" as well as their families and our communities."

AUXILIARY COMMUNITY OUTREACH - A new name and emphasis for an old and familiar program - COMMUNITY SERVICE.

All of our volunteer hours need to be counted to effectively show the importance of our Auxiliaries in our communities. As a result - once again - you are being asked to keep a record of your service and REPORT your activities each month.

Each of the other Program Chairmen will have wonderful ideas of ways to serve. In the words of National Ambassador Pancek: "While emphasis is placed on our core VFW and Auxiliary Programs,... members and Auxiliaries also participate with other community organizations. Members and Auxiliaries can now report and be recognized for such community work through the Auxiliary Community Outreach Program.

It is important that at the beginning of the Program Year a motion is made on the floor that when a member(s) volunteers their time for a civic program, school program, youth program, etc., they are representing the VFW Auxiliary and the member should turn in their hours served to be reported for Auxiliary Community Outreach.

Projects may be done by a member who is representing an Auxiliary, by an Auxiliary alone, with the VFW Post or other community groups."

An envelope containing COMMUNITY OUTREACH materials for each Auxiliary has been prepared for each District. Everything that is in your packet can also be found on the Department Auxiliary website and/or the National Auxiliary website.

Since you all now have many more pages of information with ideas of how and why we are going to reach out into communities to do what we do so well - volunteer to help others, educate youth, work to support community beautification projects, etc. - I will just remind you : **Report only what is done to benefit others. Volunteer work that is performed for the benefit of the Post or Auxiliary is NOT considered Community service. Remember - it is what we give, not what we get.** Again - see the National Program book and read the chairman's Bulletins for Guidelines.

If you have ANY questions or concerns - need any help with submitting your monthly reports - do not hesitate to contact me. Phone - Email - Carrier Pigeon - I will always answer or find an answer to any of your questions. Those of you who have been chosen to be your auxiliary's COMMUNITY OUTREACH chairman have the best job of all. You will be keeping and sharing the record of all of the ways that your sisters and brothers are spreading the message about the outstanding volunteer efforts of the VFW Auxiliaries and its members. What a wonderful organization we belong to!! I look forward to reading about your accomplishments.

Keep a record of your service and then REPORT your activities - PLEASE! And, be sure to recognize your Volunteers with a "Good Job" Thank You Certificate, or maybe have a special recognition dinner.

I also want to make a special request. PLEASE be sure to donate to **our State President Marjorie's Special Project** which is **Honor Flight**, both **Puget Sound (Westside)** and **Inland Northwest (Eastside.)** Donate money, make lap robes and maybe face masks to be used by the Veterans taking a flight. You may even wish to volunteer your time or talents assisting the *Honor Flight* organization closest to you.

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I am forever loyally yours,

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