

	<p>Auxiliary Outreach November-December 2023 “SHOW ME TEAMWORK ...AS WE WORK FOR OUR VETERANS”</p>	<p>Coletta Williams 408 W. 12th St. Fulton, MO 65231 573-310-3532 dairae@yahoo.com</p>
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I hope that everyone enjoyed fall. The beautiful colors of the leaves. This is a great time for the Auxiliaries to help other organizations with Thanksgiving and Christmas. Here are a few examples.

- **Soup Kitchens – They may be short staffed and may need help serving meals.**
- **Homeless Shelters – They may need help sorting and organizing donations.**
- **Meals on Wheels – They may need help delivering food.**

Check with the first responders, they may need help during the holidays. Last year, I checked with our local fire department, and I helped hand out stuffed animals in the Christmas parade.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Auxiliary Outreach National Program cannot split reported hours. The reason for this was when Auxiliary Outreach was created, it was intended to cover what was not already included in another Program. If hours can be reported to another Program, those hours would go to that Program.

After further discussion with National, it was determined that the programs cannot overlap and I apologize for the information that was shared at the National Convention.

The VFW Auxiliary Outreach Program involves your Auxiliary volunteering to help nonprofit organizations, and local groups with needs in your community. Auxiliary Outreach is **TIME** given to help, not **MONETARY, or in-kind donations**. It is a partnership where one or more of you Auxiliary members help another organization or group to make their project successful. Partnerships in Auxiliary Outreach may be a single event of regular ongoing events through the year.

Events that are held at your Post home are allowed if:

- The VFW or Auxiliary did not plan the activity, nor does it benefit our organization.
- The organization is only using the facility as a venue to hold their event and complete all of the preliminary planning.
- We are only there as volunteers to help on the day of the event.

Remember these basic steps:

- Seek out local organizations and groups in need of assistance.
- Ask what you Auxiliary can do to partner with them.

- Vote on the Auxiliary floor to accept the challenge. On rare occasions, such as natural disaster or emergency community need, the project can be voted on after the fact, and recorded in minutes.
- Record the details and report your success.

Wear something VFW Auxiliary branded when volunteering:

- **Shirt**
- **Hat**
- **Name badge**
- **Jacket**

Keep track of what you are doing and report your finished projects as soon as you are done online. www.vfwauxmo.org

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