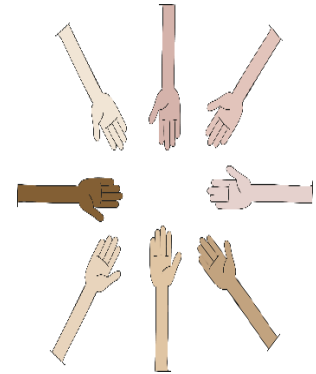




24-25 Auxiliary Outreach Program
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I feel like I am constantly telling you what is **NOT** considered Auxiliary Outreach, so let's try something different. Here are some examples of what **IS** considered Auxiliary Outreach:

- Working walks or runs 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; that's participation, not partnering.)
- Working with local police on child ID kits or with EMTs to host CPR Training (as long as it is not affiliated with another VFW/Aux program like a Veteran's Resources Day).
- Working with firefighters on fire safety and prevention. (This is a good one for October since it is Fire Prevention Month.)
- Working with parks and recreation departments to plant trees, develop non-veteran related community art installations and on adopt-a-park initiatives.
- Helping with a spay and neuter animal clinic.
- Serving food at soup kitchens.

Partnering with other non-veteran organizations is what Auxiliary Outreach is all about. Talk to your local nursing homes, and see if they can use some help with their craft or bingo programs. Ask your local schools if they need help in the office or library so the teachers have more time to interact with the students. Does the recreation center or library need someone to assist with checking in & out at the main desk? Does your church need someone to put together the weekly program? Check for some of the non-veteran organizations online. There are so many opportunities out there that need us, we just have to ask!

While you are assisting these organizations, please be sure to wear something that identifies you as a VFW Auxiliary member. Your name tag, pin, maybe a shirt, jacket or hat. It might pique someone's interest and then you can tell them all about our great organization. What an awesome conversation starter. (Don't forget to have some membership applications on hand. Strike while the interest is hot!)