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General Orders
July/Aug.
Auxiliary Community Outreach Program

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I'm sure you have all read the program book to see what this new program is all about.... Other names for this program have been "Community Service" and "Community Activities". So, you see it isn't really a new program. It is just revamped so we can report what we all do any way.

What constitutes Community Outreach? Volunteering at or working with organizations that benefit the community. It can be done by 1 member, a group of members or an entire Auxiliary.

Summer is the perfect time to sponsor

- ✓ a Food Drive for the local food pantry,
- ✓ hold a local health fair or blood drive.
- ✓ Help organize or work at a county fair or festival.
- ✓ Local animal shelters always need supplies. Put out flyers asking the community for items that you will gather up and take to shelter.
- ✓ If your Auxiliary isn't already a member of the Local Chamber of Commerce, join and be willing to help with the activities.

These are perfect venues to get out into the community. Use your imagination on how to help in your community.

Schools will be starting up (hopefully) in August. Now is the time to get with the school leaders or PTA and see what can be done. Reading to elementary students, sponsor a back pack program that students can take home on the weekends, donate books to libraries, gather hygiene items for distribution to teens etc. All this can be done by an individual or group of members.

When working with an organization, ask if it would be ok to wear your Auxiliary Shirt or Badge. This will let others know that you are a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

