



**June ~ 2022**

Here it is ~ our last month together with the 2021-2022 Community Outreach Program. It's important to note that our job as Chairman is \*not\* over when Reporting is over in the middle of April. We still have the month of June to send out one last General Information on our Program, and then the new Programs will start in July.

Here is a recap of what we reviewed in the General Information articles for the 2021-2022 year:



**READY,  
SET ...  
GOALS!**

**July 2021:** Community Outreach is when you volunteer with another organization. **It is a donation of your time, not in-kind or monetary donations.** It's about service with other organizations in our communities.

**August 2021:** Some of the events we could participate in, in our communities include:

- Working with local police on child ID kits.
- Working with EMTs to host CPR training.
- Handing out food at soup kitchens.
- Delivering food for Meals on Wheels.
- Volunteering at an animal shelter.
- Working with firefighters on fire safety and prevention.

**September 2021:** Reporting in the NH Reporting system was discussed.

**Reminder:** The Auxiliary goes into "Community Service" in the reporting system because there is no listing for Community Outreach. VFW and Auxiliary both use the same reporting system. The only thing differentiating them is

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when you click on the Auxiliary button to show it goes into Auxiliary, which is a separate listing from the VFW on their end, when they review the reports.

**October, November and December 2021:** Starting in [October](#), we discussed what **is** and what **is not** Auxiliary Community Outreach, to see if I could help you understand the difference between Community Service (VFW) and Community Outreach (Auxiliary) in the 17 categories listed under Community Service in our NH Reporting Program.

I continued to list examples in [November](#) and gave you more examples in [December](#).

**January 2022:** In January, I checked to see how much knowledge you had gained from those examples, by giving you a quiz. I gave you examples in each category, and then asked you to state whether it was Community **OUTREACH** or Community **SERVICE**.

**February 2022:** In February, I listed the previous month's quiz, complete with questions, and answers, and an explanation why it was the correct answer.

**March 2022:** We talked about the collage to send to National in this edition of the General Information. I received two replies, which were sent into my Ambassador on-time.

**April 2022:** In April we revisited ***your prime objective from National this year***, which was volunteering with a group of - or for - an organization that supports first responders, and that there was still time to honor them if you hadn't yet. I received reports that six auxiliaries participated in honoring their First Responders.

We also learned about:



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There was also a reminder that Reporting was going to end on April 14, so to get your entries in ASAP.

**May 2022:** Unfortunately, there was no General Information from me on my Program in May, due to the unexpected fall I took on April 12th, which broke my left hip in 3 different places. I was in hospital for a week and in rehab for 2 more weeks, not having access to be able to contribute. I apologize to all.

The most important thing I learned from reviewing all the entries from auxiliaries in the Reporting System was, people are still not clear on the difference between Community Outreach and Community Service. **In order for your report to count as Community Outreach, in ALL the 17 categories in our Reporting System under Community Service, you have to volunteer your time with another organization. If you donate money or items, it is NOT Community Outreach, it is Community Service.**

Thank you for participating in this Program and for your contributions. Thank You to Rita McCabe for asking me to be Chairman of this Program, and a BIG Thank You to my National Ambassador, Mary Ryser, for attending to the myriad of questions I had throughout the year. I truly enjoyed myself, and hope to contribute to this Program again in the future.



My wish is that we ALL continue "*Trekking into the Future for our Veterans*" by "Soaring Above and Beyond" in our preparation and participation in events, projects and programs with our communities.

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