

Mentoring For Leadership

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I really LOVED this new program from National this year. I hope you felt the same way, and you will continue to MENTOR our members. I gave you a LOT of information and ideas with the Department Newsletter Pin Points. I hope you liked the articles and will continue to use them.

At Fall Conference, I gave you all a little test and you really seemed to enjoy playing. Do you remember what my M&M Shirt stood for? (Members Matter)

So, Auxiliaries in the state. I hope you will continue to use this program within your Auxiliary. Remember all the other tools you can use such as Mentoring at the VFW Auxiliary, Mentoring guide Relationship Building for the Future, CARE, and Building on the Auxiliary Foundation. This is also a program you can use for member recruitment. Because if you don't mentor your members they will walk right back out that front door.

I really didn't receive as many nominations for Mentoring for Leadership Awards for Auxiliaries and Mentoring for Leadership Award for Members as I would have liked. I have sent those on to the National VFW Auxiliary, and National Leadership Mentoring Ambassador Jane Ziebarth.. I really hope that someone from Arizona wins.

With the year end report. I learned that you ALL did a fantastic job mentoring your members and keeping the Auxiliary strong. Seeing everything that was accomplished was a great feeling for me that you got it, you know how to mentor. Keep it up. Just remember those tools I gave you.

With this Covid-19 Virus disrupting all of our lives and losing many soles. I am sure you know of someone who was impacted in some way shape or form. Even our own VFW Posts had to shut their doors. It was heartwarming seeing the many Facebook posts that you were continuing to serve your Veterans, even when the doors were closed. By giving out food, clothing, cleaning supplies, what ever you could. Seeing members pulling out those old dusty sewing machines to make masks. WOW...Continue to help where you can. It is what we do, we Continue to Serve our Veterans and their Families with Aloha. You never know how or what someone is going through if you don't ask. Peoples lives have been turned upside down. Even our own members. Being told to stay home is hard on some people. Some are extroverts, some are introverts. Reach out, help, mentor.

So in this world of Chaos, treat people with Kindness.

Man often becomes what he believes himself to be. If I keep on saying to myself that I cannot do a certain thing, it is possible that I may end by really becoming incapable of doing it. On the contrary, if I have the belief that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it even if I may not have it at the beginning."

– [Mahatma Gandhi](#)