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A sincere thank you to those of you who attended the Fall Conference and the program trainings. I hope you walked away with a better understanding of all our Auxiliary programs. I enjoyed seeing the smile on many of your faces when you opened the gift packages that I distributed to each of you so you could visually see what a Mentor truly looks like. I know I was impressed to see what I believed were quality member mentors!

Please utilize the MALTA Member Resources available on the National VFW Auxiliary website. Then take the opportunity to share, inspire, and empower your members with the tools and resources they need to become a successful mentor while utilizing the following goals.

- C. Communicate clearly.
- A. Activate Sharing of organizational knowledge.
- R. Remember to include all Auxiliary Members.
- E. Encourage participation.

It would be an excellent idea to build a solid mentoring team of members within your Auxiliary who are familiar with our Bylaws and Traditions. Once the team has been assembled, give them the leeway (an amount of time to speak, move, or act on behalf of those being mentored) within your Auxiliary meetings to share as the meeting progresses for purpose of understanding. That way all members will feel included and a part of moving forward.

Our organization has been built on a solid foundation enacted by passionate strategic leaders. Our traditions, when shared, allow new members to catch up, and understand how far we have come as an Auxiliary. Once they feel like a valued member of the Auxiliary, they will be prepared to commit to helping your Auxiliary and our organization grow and move forward into the future.

- Be Patient.
- Be Encouraging.
- Be Kind

Respectfully yours,
Sandi Onstwedder' Mentoring for Leadership Chairman

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Thank you to those of you that are reporting in Mentoring for Leadership on a regular basis. I have been crediting you for the report but please remember to achieve awards at the end of this year you have certain goals to master.

Tomorrow isn't promised for any one of us. That is one C.O.R.E. reason that we need to continually share and mentor the foundation of which our organization was formed upon. This chairmanship is self-explanatory. Talk about the business of the Auxiliary. Create a plan that works for the majority of your Auxiliary members. Then, execute your plans while involving as many members as possible. Finally, base all actions and plans on the foundation of our Bylaws and Ritual.

- C- Communicate clearly.
- O- Organize business, programs, and projects for understanding.
- R- Recognize members and their different skills and abilities.
- E- Engage and involve all members who wish to participate.

Have your officers purchased the 2024 Auxiliary Podium Edition of our Bylaws and Ritual? They are available for purchase from the VFW Store in hard copy, or you can go to MALTA, log in, and under Member Resources find the current Podium Edition to download.

Please continue to utilize MALTA Member Resources behind your MALTA login to have a successful Mentoring for Leadership Program. While there research the Awards that are available from the national organization.

To quote my Mentoring for Leadership Ambassador. "Start each relationship from our common ground, support for our veterans and build on it with time and patience and caring."

Respectfully,

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