Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
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UNWAVERING SUPPORT
FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

National Theme: Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care

Department Theme: Be the Anchor for Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe

"The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches, but to reveal to him his own." ……Benjamin Desraell

Mentoring is about relationships, providing guidance, motivation, emotional support and being a role model. Believe it or not every member of our Auxiliary is capable of being a Mentor. It takes patience, knowledge and the ability to perform simple but vital tasks to create a positive experience for our members. Mentoring provides an opportunity for an individual to share the experiences they have gained as a member, Chairman, or Officer with a new member. It also assists in bonding with a tenured member who may have stepped away from the organization. Mentoring translates to leadership skills for both the mentor and mentee.

A leader is someone who is helpful, friendly, trustworthy and willing to work side-by-side with his or her members, encouraging them to work together as a team. A leader provides direction, motivates and remains objective with regards to goals. Often, leaders don't think about leadership style but simply do what comes naturally, expanding the knowledge of our members to become positive participants in meetings and activities of the Auxiliary.

RESPECT THE PAST – Mentoring provides a look back on traditions of the Auxiliary.
EMBRACE THE PRESENT – Mentoring provides the insight to current practices.
PLAN FOR THE FUTURE – Mentoring creates future Leaders for our organization.

Through the mentoring process, extending the hand of friendship to a new member or even a tenured member who has been inactive for a while, can create a strong and vibrant organization. Providing a positive and organized meeting experience will leave members wanting to come back, especially when good communication and respect for each other is demonstrated.

GOALS + MENTORING + LEADERSHIP = A HEALTHLY AUXILIARY!!

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