



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary

### Mentoring for Leadership Bulletin

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*National Theme: Serving Our Veterans with Aloha*

*Department Theme: Serving with a Patriot's Heart*

Hopefully you have chosen a member to serve this chairmanship who is both passionate about our organization, and knowledgeable in our Bylaws and proceedings. Remember a mentor is one who is able to communicate, energize interest, and is patient with all members.

This chairmanship will possibly make the difference in whether your Auxiliary builds and strengthens within the community, offering positive reasons for eligible individuals to join in on our mission to serve for our Veterans.

Mentoring can and will make a huge impact when and if, the chairman exhibits a willingness to share as much information with new Auxiliary members, or those returning to an active membership status, as possible.

The chairman should arrive early and plan to stay a few minutes after the close of the meeting to be available to shore up any unanswered questions that may still exist. Encourage your Mentor to sit in the back of the meeting with those members needing instruction. Allow them to converse in soft tones during the meeting. Give them the leeway to ask for clarification when needed on behalf of all members.

The chairman should realize their instruction will encourage all Auxiliary members to become actively involved in the leadership decisions made during the Auxiliary business meeting and be prepared to step into leadership roles of their own at some point. The mentor ideally, will listen to new or different approaches in conducting Auxiliary business. It should be the mentor's objective to insure all voices are heard equally in the decision making processes, and functions to be held outside the actual Auxiliary meeting room.

When knowledge is freely shared, trust is built! When the Auxiliary belongs to all members equally, a sense of accomplishment and pride bursts outside the Auxiliary room and into our communities! A willingness to work together is achieved, and goals set by the Auxiliary, District, Department and National can be accomplished.

Please plan to attend your District School of Instruction and/or Fall Conference for more inspiring helpful hints.

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