

# Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP BULLETIN June 2022

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*National Theme: Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care*

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

**“A MENTOR IS SOMEONE WHO ALLOWS YOU TO SEE THE HOPE INSIDE YOURSELF!” .....Oprah Winfrey**

Mentoring helps broaden leadership skills and guidance for mentoring members; they work hand in hand. A stronger membership on every level of our organization will be accomplished through mentoring. The mentoring program will enhance all types of program activities and will make a difference in obtaining and maintaining members, since many other organizations are vying for our members' time and talent.

By engaging in mentoring activities, you will build a stronger relationship amongst new and tenured members. Whether you create a formal or informal mentoring program, every Auxiliary should have a type of resource to assist in communicating and motivating members to better understand the organization. Utilizing “Mentoring at VFW Auxiliary: Relationship Building for the Future” by Cara Day will help get you started in creating a program for your Auxiliary. You can find this article on the national website at [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org).

A mentor who uses “Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation” is key to creating a successful leader. This resource should be shared with members on each level of the organization. The guidebooks provide suggestions and examples for Officers, Chairmen, and members to understand their duties according to the National Bylaws and the best practices during the 100-plus year history of this organization. The goal of the guidebooks is to develop and maintain consistent practices across the organization, to **train and equip leaders of today and tomorrow, and to strengthen the basic building blocks of the organization: the foundation.**

**Throughout the years many members new and tenured will tell you that their inspiration has come from** the knowledge and guidance of mentors, at every level, their kindness, loyalty, and knowledge will always stay with us.

**GOALS + MENTORING + LEADERSHIP = HEALTHY AUXILIARY**

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