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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

“Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.” -Jack Welch

A leader/mentor takes the time to stop and explain our programs to new members, listen to all our members and is open to new ideas. They recognize the importance of respecting - not throwing away – the past and embracing the present while finding a way to blend the past with the present and planning for the future so we can keep our legacy alive. We must always remember that veterans and their families are our purpose.

A mentor should take on the role of “Cheerleader”, not everything we do is successful, and that’s okay; we learn from our failures and become better individuals. As a cheerleader, we certainly want to celebrate success. However, it is also important to heed the lessons of failure and learn from that. As a mentor, you provide support and encouragement, instead of discouragement and criticism.

I would ask you to remember what it was like when you were a new member. What kept you coming back to your Auxiliary? Did you have someone who was your mentor? It is up to each and every one of us to become that member we looked up to – the member who we should be. Someone who:

- *Treats other with respect
- *Shares their knowledge
- *Can be trusted
- *Is patient
- *Motivates
- *Can work side-by-side with members

It is only through building on our foundation as an organization and working together as a team that we will ensure our continued success as an organization. THE FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS!!!!

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