

## **MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP OCTOBER 2020**

### **“E is for Engage”**

Our organization offers so many unique ways to work with our Veterans and our communities. We must find what interests our new members and help them find their place within our organization. Their passion might be working with youth, volunteering in hospitals or fund-raising for our projects. **TAKE THE TIME TO FIND THEIR PASSION!** I am asking each auxiliary president and district president to send me at least one name of someone in your auxiliary or district that is a mentor to your members.

After the new member has been active for a couple of months meet with them to see how things are going and if they have any questions. A good tool to have with you is our current edition of VFW Auxiliary Bylaws and Ritual. This would also be a great time to show them exactly all the great information that is in it.

This would also be a great time to go make sure they understand our VFW Auxiliary and VFW Programs.

**PROGRAMS** - Explain that the resources of each program are designed to bring needed services, information and assistance to veterans, active-duty military and their families, and our communities.

Our programs include: Americanism; Auxiliary Community Outreach; Buddy Poppy & VFW National Home; Chief of Staff/Extension; Hospital; Legislative; Membership; Scholarships; Veterans & Family Support; and Youth Activities.

Each program has different projects that the auxiliary will be working on throughout the year.

Several of our Scholarship programs use Acronyms that may need to be explained:

Pat Art - Young American Creative Patriotic Art

PP or Pat's Pen - Patriot's Pen

VOD - Voice of Democracy

**TOOL FOR YOUR MENTOR TO USE-** When you have a new member have some of these Welcome to the Auxiliary Cards printed with the information of your mentor or a member who will be available to answer any questions the new member may have. The cards are available under the Mentoring for Leadership part of the Resources section on the National VFW Auxiliary page. They are in PDF format and you can print them from your computer.

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