

# MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP

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Hats off to Lee Lewis, PDP and member of Meuse VFW Auxiliary 194 as well as Judy Holt, Pres. 5633, and Kathy Williams, member of Auxiliary 467 for noticing that the single word I put in italics in the last mailer was “relationships”. What will it be this time?

Congratulations to District 14 for being the first district to be 100% reported for Mentoring for Leadership with District 10 coming in a very close 2nd, and 7 right behind them. Which district will be next to reach 100%?



When I first joined I had a lot of questions about things everyone else seemed to know and I was too embarrassed to ask. Here is a little cheat sheet I made for new members of my auxiliary that might feel the same. I print it out 2-sided in landscape and fold it in half so it looks like a booklet with the emblem on the cover.

If you think your new members would like something like this, feel free to use my example as a jumping off point and make whatever changes you need to.

I can also email you a copy so that you can paste into your preferred word processing program and go from there. Email me at [AuxiliaryGoldman@gmail.com](mailto:AuxiliaryGoldman@gmail.com) and let me know.

**Action Corps** - The VFW and Auxiliary's weekly newsletter.



**Buddy Poppy** - Small red flower we hand out on Memorial and Veterans Day in exchange for donations. Named in memory of our buddies who didn't return from war.

**Department** - What the Auxiliary calls states.

**District** - The Department of Maryland is divided into 11 districts. We are in district 7.

#### **Gavel Raps**

1 rap - Attention 2 raps - Rise 3 raps - Be seated

**Malta** - Our national website. <https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/>

**Podium book** - Handbook of rules and rituals. Changes slightly from year to year.

**Priority Goals** - The 6 areas that our activities focus on. Budget, disability assistance and memorial affairs, education employment and transition assistance, health care, military quality of life, and national security, foreign affairs and POW/MIA.

**VFW National Home** - A community in Michigan where military families in crisis live and receive services to get them back on their feet. It's funded entirely through the VFW and Auxiliary.

#### **Departments**

- **Americanism** - Promoting knowledge and respect for America's patriotic symbols and history.
- **Buddy Poppy and National Home** - Organize buddy poppy drives and keeps Auxiliary informed of the needs of the National Home.
- **Chaplain** - Says non-denominational prayers and gives emotional encouragement to members with cards, phone calls, and visits.
- **Hospital** - Visiting and encouraging vets who are in a hospital or long term medical care.
- **Legislative** - Getting VFW endorsed bills passed and encouraging civic engagement.
- **Membership** - Recruiting new members and encouraging membership renewals each year.
- **President's Special project** - A cause or organization that the national and department president choose for us to support.
- **Public relations** - Promoting auxiliary membership and activities to the public.
- **Scholarship** - Promoting the 6 scholarships we offer throughout the year in art, singing, continuing education, writing, and spoken word.
- **Veteran and military support** - Helping military families in the community.
- **Youth activities** - Working with youth groups on patriotic or community projects.

#### **Keep in Mind**

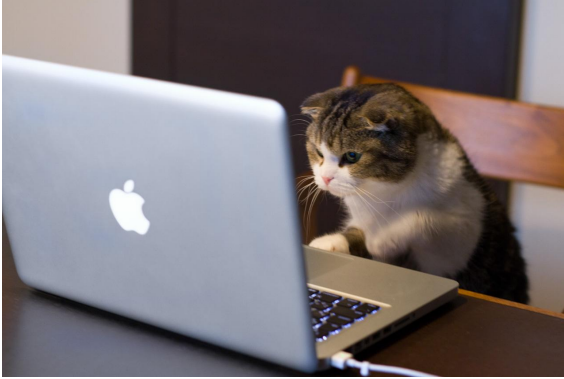
1. We changed our name from the Ladies Auxiliary to the Auxiliary in 2015. Membership is open to men and women.
2. We advocate for veteran focused bills that are endorsed by the VFW national office. We DO NOT favor candidates or political parties.
3. We require a belief in God, but not a specific deity. We embrace all religions and faith groups.
4. Non-citizens are welcome to join the Auxiliary if they meet the membership requirements.
5. Feel free to bring a friend who is interested in joining. Non-members may attend one meeting.
6. Minimum age for Auxiliary membership is 16.
7. Our program year is from July 1 to June 31.

## **Glossary and quick facts for new members**

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I also created a slideshow to help new members get more *comfortable* using Malta and our department website. Just email me if you would like to see it so you send it around to your membership.

Yours in Service,  
Bobbie Goldman

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