

Can a mentoring program improve the health of your auxiliary? It doesn't take long to answer this question with a resounding "YES." The Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit includes seven (7) resources to assist an Auxiliary in identifying and solving issues – Healthy Auxiliary Checklist; Healthy Auxiliary Member Questionnaire; Auxiliary Meeting Clinic; Communication Phone/Text Tree; Good Job Certificate; Healthy Auxiliary Certificate (this will be distributed by me to all Auxiliaries who meet the criteria of a Healthy Auxiliary); and VFWA Mentoring Guide. These can be found on the vfwauxiliary.org/resources website.

I have enclosed a copy of the Healthy Auxiliary Checklist for Auxiliary To-Do's and Deadlines. **YEAH to TEAM MO** – all auxiliaries have been bonded by July 31!! **THANK YOU** for taking care of that important task. Pay attention to dates that the audits are due and your district dues deadline. Remember that every auxiliary needs to promote our National and Department Programs. Every auxiliary must do a program to benefit our veterans and then pick something you are passionate about and run with it.

I was happy to attend our National Ambassador Lee McDermott's Program Presentation during the National Convention and excited to see so many MO members taking notes and participating in our discussion. Leona does such a good job in presentation and her sincerity is evident when she talks about our purpose – to help veterans and their families. She stresses making members feel welcome and being kind to all.

Mentoring a new auxiliary member is a very easy task. Start by inviting that member to sit with you at an auxiliary meeting – explain to them what is going on and most importantly why we do what we do. Talk to them – learn their talents and interests. Ask them how they would like to be involved in the Auxiliary. Share the by-laws and ritual. "Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation" is one of the most valuable tools available to members on all levels. Please download a copy and make it available for your members to see and tell them where they can find it on the National website and it is on the MO VFWA website as a resource tool Explain how they create a MALTA account and show them the many tools available on the National and Department websites. Show them the Auxiliary Academy – in these days of smart phones this can be just a click away.



BE THE LIGHT  **ALWAYS BE POSITIVE AND PATIENT – ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING**

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS: I have requested that our Department President Janet and Secretary/Treasurer Jackie arrange a ZOOM meeting for us. We had a wonderful School of Instructions for the District Presidents but you were not a District President at the time of the School of Instructions– I am certain that you have questions as you are visiting your auxiliaries and we need to be here to continue to teach and mentor you. This will happen before the end of the month of August.

Our Department of MO VFWA will continue to do everything we can to maintain and strengthen our current auxiliaries and work with unaffiliated Posts to establish new auxiliaries.



BE THE LIGHT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX!!

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