

Our Department will be recognizing 2 “**Outstanding Mentors**” this year. Look around and think about those who have influenced you to be the best Auxiliary Member you could be – I know I am grateful to those who have mentored me over the years. What impact have they had? Send your nomination to me by March 31, 2022 – tell me how you have been helped by your mentor – simply explain why you think he/she should be awarded as an “Outstanding Mentor.”

Remember **YOU** are a vital part of the **VFWA** - you are each a “piece of the puzzle” in the Auxiliary, and we need and want each member to know that you are each appreciated and needed. In order for our organization to thrive we must have everyone working together and remembering we are here for our Veterans.

**GOOD JOB AWARDS** – Everyone needs to know they are appreciated. How Many Good Job Awards have you given out? One of the questions on the year-end report asks about the number of awards given. Award forms are on our website for you to print.

**APRIL ELECTIONS** are just around the corner. Seek out those within your auxiliary who may be thinking about running for an office – encourage them to explore the “Foundation” Guidebook so they become aware of the responsibilities of the offices. The future doesn’t just happen ... it is created.

### MENTORING = LEADERSHIP = HEALTHY AUXILIARY

**CHALLENGE:** Members see no reason to come to meetings – **SOLUTION:** Increase involvement by asking for it!! An auxiliary function is the perfect time to ask a member to participate or provide them with a “job” to do. It feels good to be needed. Mentor a new member – offer to pick them up for the meeting or event. Your personal contact will make a difference. Each member has their own special talents, encourage them, and utilize their contributions. And then – present them with a “Good Job” Award!!



**BE THE LIGHT**  **ALWAYS BE POSITIVE AND PATIENT – ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING – ACT LIKE YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BECAUSE YOU DO!!!**

We continue to be on the look-out for new Auxiliaries – any leads will be diligently followed – an auxiliary can make a Good Post an Outstanding Post!!

**National Ambassador Leona McDermott** encourages us to always be on the lookout to provide your Auxiliary the opportunity to make a difference in the life of a veteran and/or their family. Working together as a cohesive team, we will **SOAR ABOVE AND BEYOND!!**

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

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