



**MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR MEMBERS** Think about that special person who welcomed you into the Auxiliary – think about that person who helped you to learn about the VFWA and guided you in our programs – think about that VFWA member who epitomizes the role of “Mentor.” That person is the one I am asking you to nominate for our “Outstanding Mentor.” Please use the Mentoring for Leadership Award for Members No. 1 form which is a part of this promotional material. The form is easy to fill out and every auxiliary should easily be able to come up with at least one person for this nomination. I will use this same form to select MO’s winner who will be recognized at our Department Convention. **Forms come back to me**, and I will forward the winning entries on to National for Judging. **Deadline is March 31, 2022** – email or snail mail - don’t wait – get that form done today!!!

**MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR AUXILIARIES NO. 1** The National VFWA Organization will provide a citation to **every Auxiliary** that implements a Mentoring for Leadership Program. How can your auxiliary get this? It’s easy – just fill out the form enclosed and **mail it to me March 31, 2022**. One Auxiliary in our Big Ten Conference will be recognized at the 2022 National Convention for their outstanding implementation of the Mentoring Program. MO has so many great mentors, but the form has to be completed to win!!

Is your Auxiliary on track to stay healthy? Members are important pieces of the puzzle and we all must work together. We will be electing officers in April – have your members been trained and encouraged to take on leadership roles? Attend District and Department meetings and share information with members. The more you know about the VFWA the better you will be equipped to train members and continue the legacy of helping veterans and their families. **Veterans and their families are our purpose!!**

Keep an eye out for posts that are interested in having an auxiliary to partner with them in their community. The key is really about getting our story out to the public. A Charter Application for an Auxiliary must contain a list of at least fifteen (15) new or former members only and in order for the new Auxiliary to be instituted, you must have at least ten (10) eligible applicants present in person. The Charter no longer lists the names of individual members and so it is extremely important that the minutes list the full names of the Charter members.

Members are the lifeblood of our organization. Treat everyone as you would like to be treated – with respect. Each member is a part of our VFWA team that “Thinks Outside of the Box” allowing us to “Soar Above and Beyond.”



**BE THE LIGHT**

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

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