



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT  
MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP

“Remember Your Why”  
“Banding Together for our Veterans”

MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP COURSE: 102

Mentoring helps broaden leadership skills and leadership provides guidance for mentoring members; they work hand in hand. By engaging in mentoring activities, you will build a stronger relationship with new and tenured members. Whether you create a formal or informal mentoring program, every Auxiliary should have a type of resource to assist in communicating and motivating members to better understand the organization.

That being said, are you ready to be a mentor? Let’s look at some factors to help you decide if you have plenty to offer other members.

- You have held a position, either as an officer or a chairman.
- You have helped with several different programs.
- People rely on you to remember how things are done.
- You are ready and willing to lend a helping hand to projects.
- You care about veterans and their families.
- The organization is very important to you for many reasons.

ANY of these, not necessarily all, make you qualified to mentor another member. More importantly than any qualification, what you really have to do is CARE.

C: Catch the member when they first join

A: Ask them to participate.

R: Remember what it felt like to be new.

E: Engage them in a program that fits them.

Homework: I’d like someone (mentor) in each Auxiliary to explain to the Auxiliary what the Buddy Poppy and National Home Program involves. Keep track of who did what, you never know if you’ll be asked!

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