



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT
MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP

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

MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP COURSE: 101

Your Auxiliary attracts members who want to support veterans, service members, their families and communities. When these members join, they are usually enthusiastic and willing to serve. You need to channel that enthusiasm into a willingness to serve in leadership positions.

The mentor will explain our procedures and programs to new members and to those that have not been active for a while. When all members understand with open communication, they themselves will be more willing to get involved. With a positive attitude, a mentor will teach the basics of our organization. If executed in a positive way, it will not only encourage participation, but also afford many more members the ability to feel confident. Those same members will feel more willing to step up into the leadership roles when the next election time comes around.

Did you ever think “I wish someone would tell me what I’m supposed to be doing!” That new member who just walked through the meeting room door, that is exactly what is going through his or her head!

Members who have belonged for several years all have someone who took them under their wing, showed them the ins and outs of the organization.

Mentoring is essential to good leadership!

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

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