

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary - WI**  
**Mentoring for Leadership**  
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According to our National Mentoring for Leadership Ambassador Jane Ziebarth one of the primary objectives of promoting Mentoring in your Auxiliary should be to build leadership qualities into all members of the Auxiliary.

Priority should be to assist in educating all members, building leadership traits and provide opportunities to serve the organization. The success of the Mentoring for Leadership Program depends on **all** of us and will contain the following ideals:

A knowledgeable **MENTOR**  
Open minded **VISION**  
Opportunity to **TEACH**  
Share Positive Experiences to **INSPIRE**  
Set attainable **GOALS**  
Provide encouragement to **MOTIVATE**  
Demonstrate positive communications to **LEAD BY EXAMPLE**



A viable program on the Auxiliary level can be a one-on-one or collective experience.

Identify a section in the Bylaws, Booklet of Instruction or Ritual to refresh memories. Consider asking a member to review and make a “short” 5-minute presentation at the next meeting. Spread mentoring responsibilities among members.

Pick topics monthly from Building on the VFW Auxiliary Guidebook to review and discuss.

Practice the **CARE** concept. This concept can apply to new members as well as seasoned members.

- 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.

Distribute the new Healthy Member Questionnaire – Review and share results with members. Collectively discuss the outcome and if any actions need to take place.

While sharing our traditions with others, we are “**Giving Hope to Veterans and Families**” in that we will keep Auxiliaries growing strong in order to be “**Serving Veterans with Aloha.**”

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