

Mentoring

First let me apologize for not having anything in last month's GIs. There never seems to be enough hours in the day or enough days in the week for what we all have to do.

In the building on the VFW foundation book there is a great saying that we should all practice and use. –Open the door, open your eyes, and open your heart.

What a great statement and one that we should follow. Be kind not always right, be supportive of all members, communicate with your members. Positivity goes much farther than negativity.

Please all Auxiliaries use the buddy system when you have a new member. Ask one of you more seasoned members to sit with that member and explain what is going on. They do not know what one rap means or two raps; they do not know what parade rest means or what position to stand in. This is just the beginning for them. Now is the perfect time to explain the Delegate list that you are voting on and why we have it and how it is used. It is the perfect time to explain a motion and why it is done and how it is used. You cannot teach everything in one Auxiliary meeting or in one District meeting, but you have the tools to be a great teacher please, make good use of them. Remember you must be knowledgeable in the proper rules and regulations so that you may apply them. I am at your beck and call any time day or night, I promise I will get back to you as soon as possible with the answer to your questions. If I don't have it in my head I will find it in the book and give you the direction you need.

In closing please remember be kind, be supportive, and show a genuine interest in you members. Respect, listen, and smile. Thank you.

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