

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY  
CHIEF OF STAFF/Mentoring**

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Welcome Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers to a new Auxiliary year. As your Chief of Staff, my job is to: Assist your District President in maintaining current Auxiliaries

- Establish new Auxiliaries
- Transfer members at large to local Auxiliaries

**With all your help we can accomplish these tasks.**

**Go to the Department website to read and download information that you need to make your Auxiliary Healthy.**

You will find the “Healthy Checkup for your Auxiliary” member questionnaire on the Department website, please make copies and hand them out to **ALL** of your members, not just to those who attend a meeting. This way we can find out why members are not attending meetings or events that your Post and Auxiliary are hosting.

The idea is to increase participation and engagement in the purpose of our Auxiliary-being of service to our Veterans and their families.

Let’s start by all showing “Respect for the Past” in explaining why we do things in a certain format. Hand out the Understanding Auxiliary traditions (you will find this on the website) so members know when to stand, sit according to the raps of the gavel.

**“Respect the Past – Mentoring provides a look back on traditions of the Auxiliary.  
Embrace the Present – Mentoring provides the insight to the current practices.  
Plan for the Future – Mentoring creates knowledge helpful for leadership skills.**

A Mentor can be defined as a trusted friend, good listener, open to new ideas, understanding, someone who possesses patience, is knowledgeable, and has compassion to perform a simple but vital task linking to a **positive** experience for members.”

Every member can be a Mentor. Let’s start this year out with mentors in your Auxiliary that is ready to help build new Leaders for this great organization.

Let's ensure a **positive** member experience, and welcome all members to our meetings. Step back and remember how you felt coming to your first meeting or event, and also remember why you joined this organization.