

## American Legion Auxiliary Department of California Leadership Report

Mentoring is the focus this month, Utilizing our mentors from our Unit, District and Department will help us grow. The best attributes that make a strong mentor are.

- Relevant experience, expertise, and knowledge
- Enthusiasm for sharing your experience.
- A respectful and positive attitude
- Having the willingness to believe in others, taking an interest in their growth and success
- Having the ability to give honest and direct feedback while being positive and nurturing
- Being observant and a good listener, able to see and hear what others need.
- Being open-minded to innovative ideas and able to encourage others to develop their ideas.

Past Presidents provide a great source of knowledge and are always willing to help, all you need to do is tap into that resource. Remember we may not have all the answers and that's okay, all you have to say is, "I don't know, "follow up with "I will find out and get back to you"

Unit Member of the Year Award Form Link: https://host.calegionaux.org/programs/leadership

- Select Unit Member of the Year Application.
- Fill out and return by noted deadline.
- Remember to do the supplemental.

This year, I am looking for the "Most Outstanding Unit Leadership Pergram" in your Unit and District. I look forward to reading all about it in your reports.

The word of the month is "**Positivity**." Positivity is **thinking in an optimistic way**, looking for solutions, and expecting good results. Learn how to cultivate positivity, avoid negativity, and improve your life.

Be positive when talking with your members. Even when a situation looks bad and daunting, turn toward the positive. Everything has an up and a down. Your attitude helps you and others deal with tough issues and problems. Being positive is beneficial to all.

If anyone is interested in hosting a leadership course, please reach out to me, I can come to any unit and/or District in California.

For God and Country, Diana Livas