



### **Mentor of the Year Nomination Form**

"A mentor is not someone who walks ahead of you to show you how they did it. A mentor walks alongside you to show you what you can do."

Remember from my bulletins thus far I have talked about each of us being mentors to all our members. By extending a hand and a smile to a new or longtime member can make them feel welcome and accepted.

Always remember to use the CARE concept.

**C-** Catch the member when they first join. Remember your first meeting and how you felt.

**A-** Ask them to Participate.

**R-** Remember what it felt like to be new.

**E-** Engage them in a program that fits them.

Please remember that every one of our members has great ideas and we need to avoid saying that "WE tried that before and it didn't work" or "This is the way we have always done this" - new ideas or new twists can create fantastic results!

You can be a Mentor if you have held a position either as an Officer or Chairman, you have helped with several Programs, you are ready and willing to lend a helping hand, members rely on you to remember how things are done, you care about veterans and their families, and the VFW Auxiliary is important to you.

Now is the time to honor the mentors in our Auxiliaries.

Effective mentors serve as advisors, coaches, teachers and cheerleaders. They give us an opportunity to learn and grow within our organization.

