

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.

You can nominate anyone throughout the Department of Washington that you feel deserves this recognition. Name of Nominee_____ Auxiliary #_____ District #_____ Please describe why you are nominating this person for the Mentor of the Year. Please tell me what they have done and why you feel they deserve this recognition. Name of Person making the Nomination_____ Auxiliary # _____ District # Email Address_____ Phone Number Please return by April 15, 2025 to: Lori Nettles, Department Chief of Staff lorinhardy@yahoo.com 360-961-7873

This award recognizes the mentors throughout our Department who have made significant

contributions to our Auxiliaries and members.

Please feel free to use extra sheets for your nomination if need be.