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I would like to introduce myself and provide a bit of my background in this organization.

My husband Randy and I just celebrated our 49th wedding anniversary in May. We have two daughters and a son, three granddaughters and two grandsons, and one great granddaughter with her brother due to arrive in October. I have been member of the VFW Auxiliary 4422 in Taylor, MI for 41 years. I have served 14 terms as Auxiliary President, was District President and just completed my term as MI Department President in June. While I have been appointed as Chairman many times over the years on all levels, my two favorites are Scholarships and Mentoring. That is how I arrived where I am today, the 2022-2023 Mentoring for Leadership Ambassador .

This Program is the one we can all relate to. Someone encouraged us to join, whether family, friend or simply someone who cared enough to introduce us to this organization. They did this for many reasons, and we stayed for many reasons. It is our job to help members find their place in our organization. We need to find their area of interest and nurture it. Our job is to prepare them to take over our position someday and become mentors to future members.

The plan is to make this a fun experience for all, the new members as well as the seasoned members. Create a mentoring team. Work together with other nearby Auxiliaries. The more we share our knowledge with others, the stronger the Auxiliary will be. Keeping our knowledge to ourselves serves no one. Sharing is the key. We will succeed when we mentor members.

Find your replacement for the future. Mentoring for Leadership requires us to work with the member where they are at. Take their interests and nurture them. A leader is not just an Officer. A leader is an expert in their area of involvement. Chairmen, Officers, Trustees, Color Bearers, etc. are all important positions. Make them all a leader in their area, and your job as a mentor is well on the way to success.