

LEADERSHIP

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Mission of the American Legion Auxiliary:

In the spirit of Service Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

What is leadership?

It was reported that Units are having a difficult time getting members to run for an Officer position. It is important that members know that you don't have to be an officer to be a "leader". Anyone can be a leader by demonstrating strong ethics, working toward a common goal, and showing lots of enthusiasm towards what you are doing!

How to show your leadership capabilities:

- One of the best things a leader has is a sense of being fair and just and a sense of right and wrong
- Be Courteous and have a sense of humor
- Be there in case you are needed, but do not interfere unless asked
- Let a member know that it is okay to do something not quite right and gently show them the right way
- Leave your personal feelings at the door
- Make suggestions, mentor – Don't Bully!
- Be friendly

There is so much information on the National website – ALAforVeterans.org

When you have a few minutes – have a look at the site and go nosing around in it – you will be amazed at what you will find!

There is the ALA Academy course, the Senior Leadership course, the Senior Auxiliary Basics course to name a few.

You can look up items in the various books they have online – print applications and flyers – Print covers for cans to collect donations, and oh so much more!

Award:

NICHOLS TROPHY - To the District who has the highest percentage of Units attending a Leadership Awareness Course