

Leadership Newsletter

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“Paving the way to building a stronger foundation and support for our Veterans, Military and their Families.”

As we come to the conclusion of our final year, I hope that you all have discovered the reason of why you chose to be a leader at all levels. Whether it is officer position, chairman, or event planner it about making the right changes according to time. That you figured out none of it is about you or power, but the connections, the growth, the inclusion, and how we make improvements to the one's who have sacrificed their lives and families to keep our country run with democracy. National Security, Veteran Affairs, Children and Youth and Americanism will always be the drive behind our wonderful organization. Every woman from the past has added a mark or tweaked our founding blueprint to bring us into the future. Even with the change to adding men to our program. Globally we have grown to navigate to include all individuals.

- Making a connection with our members, Community, State and Nation. We need to keep kindness flowing out to everyone so they would be interested in joining and be able to feel their contribution has helped make an improvement to volunteering. A leader shows and demonstrate support to keep guiding and directing others to be positive in shared goals and allowing collaboration of success to all team members. The gratification you receive comes from the success of your team members.

- Spiritually we give inspiration to all to follow us and a feel of belonging. Society comes from many cultures in our melting pot. We are always asked which way we learn better: ex. doctors office, schools and each personality are different we would all be boring if we were robots. Even a commitment to a partner is work. The biggest Gap of communication is our change in generations of how society and living has changed. To include everyone with fairness, and equal rights, ideas, and a sense of belonging even the ones with special needs.
- I hope this year you were able to accomplish your visions and goals. That you were able to reach for the stars and grab some of them. We have an ever-changing world that we need to include diversity. Your internal you will flow from inside out spreading a non-judging environment that make all members welcome. We need to teach others to step up and become new guides to our organization, keep our membership growing for future improvement. We need to move with the changes!!!!
- Go back to the drawing board and sculpture the old and new together for it final touches. Renew your vows to the organization. Renovate the energy to positive vibes as you work together to complete your final task. Rekindle your team membership to take ownership of our purpose. Rejuvenate the programs to include needed changes to help include ways to make it better for all military new and old. Recognize if we want new members to join us, we need to have diversity and build new leadership by educating all. Refocus how time and change can include all generations and make it work for the better called give and take. Responsibility to advance is harder work and even

though it is all volunteer it requires a lot more time, money and energy to inspire all and represent the American Legion Auxiliary. Most important reflection shows where you need to be for yourself whether it be the working bee or queen bee/CEO, team leads only you can decide. Ask yourself do you have what it takes to bring our program forward then take the initiative with the focus of 100% or more. Do you believe you have what it takes? I know I do!

- Then Mission Renovation is complete and should excel you into the next year. All members in good standing of the American Legion family can attend the leadership workshops at Department Convention July 9th from 1-3:35. I get it, a lot are working or can not afford the hotel cost even though we would love to have you all for the Convention. Please considered taking the day learning and gathering important information about our programs and Be THE ONE to help our military family or maybe yourself. Enclosed is a form to return to me so I have enough material.
- A special thanks goes out to all of my leadership committee who worked hard to share my messages that I sent out and words coming from my heart. Please deliver these final papers to your units to pass out to their members. Thanks for believing in me and our organization to prove it is not just words but actions that speak louder and stronger.

Respectfully,

Sue Johnson