

LEADERSHIP

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Hello fellow American Legion Auxiliary members. It's been too long – but hopefully we will all be back to our “new normal” soon. What’s the definition of “normal”? Everyone has their own opinion of “what’s normal” and that’s ok! One definition that is pretty standard is “Leadership”. Google leadership and you’ll get a variety of definitions but bottom line they’re all saying the same thing: “A simple definition is that leadership is the art of motivating a group of people to act toward achieving a common goal”*. After working with the fabulous members of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of FL, I know we have a lot of wonderful leaders out there teaching and motivating members to work the mission of the largest and greatest Veteran Support organization in the country. To help you do that the Department of Florida Leadership Chairman, committee and ABC/Leadership instructors are available to help you, to answer your questions and make sure you have the tools to get the job done.

Let’s start from the beginning... Although we are in a “continuous” auxiliary year, doesn’t mean we stop learning and educating. So, for all you new officers and chairmen as well as the ongoing officers and chairmen, please be sure to familiar yourself with the tools available to you. The American Legion Auxiliary Department of FL website alafl.org has a wealth of information available to you, from program action plans (PAPs), to all the forms you

need from the unit level straight on up to the National level. There are guidebooks for Unit and District Presidents, that are not only there for the benefit of the president, but for anyone who wants to take that initiative to learn more. Check out the drop-down menu of each program and see what resources your Department Program Chairmen have available to help you manage your program. Familiarize yourself with the Unit Guides – they are chock full of information. One important document you need to be sure you’re fully versed on is your Constitution/By-Laws and Standing Rules. This is the guide on the whos, the whats, the wherefores of your unit. And they’re also available on the Department website.

So, stay tuned for more Leadership updates and tidbits and look for your local ABC/Leadership class coming soon to your district.

Be safe and stay ALAFLSTRONG!!!

Yours In Service
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* Ward, S. (2020, April 24). What Is Leadership? And Can You Learn to Be a Good Leader? Retrieved June 12, 2020, from <https://www.thebalancesmb.com/leadership-definition-2948275>

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