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“Your attitude is what really matters. The greatest thing about attitude is that it is the one thing we all have the ability to control – it is a choice.” Nance Rosen

Dear Department Leadership Chairmen,

Thank you to everyone for the amazing Mid-year reports. It was a great team effort, working together the Northwestern Division had 100% reporting!



The New Year is upon us! Have you had time to think about making a 2019 leadership goal? If so, have you shared your vision with your units/members? Your leadership attitude will encourage your units and members to follow and set goals of their own. Here are a few ideas to share:

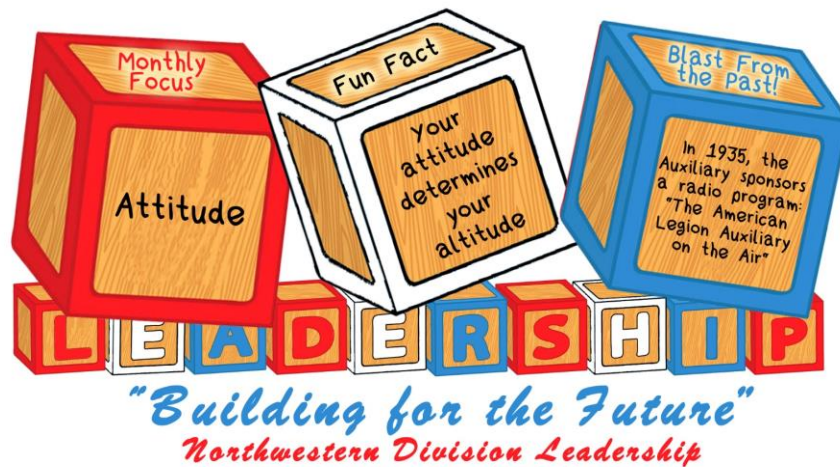
It's a Date

Some departments have created a “Leadership” calendar, with daily activities assigned for each month to help achieve their goals. This would be a great tool for units to create a leadership plan for the year.

Be a Lifelong Learner

Become a lifetime learner, becoming better at something....and sharing it with others is being a leader. Too often we think that learning is for kids, not true, we should learn and grow every day. There is so much information readily available to us to enhance our knowledge of the American Legion Auxiliary, take advantage of it! Make 2019 the year you become a more informed member.

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Accept the Challenge

The 2018-2019 ALA Leadership Team has accepted the “Silver Brigade” challenge. As a team, we agree to individually sign up or rejoin 25 members. Although the “formal” Silver Brigade award is exclusively for your unit, we have agreed that signing or rejoining 25 member....wherever they reside will qualify for our team recognition. After all, 25 members is a WIN no matter where they live! We are encouraging Department Chairmen and members to do the same and accept this challenge. Join in on the fun and let’s make a difference together!

Attitude Tree

This is a fun activity to engage members and get them focused on best practices and desired outcomes for ALA Departments and Units. Supplies that will be needed are drawing paper and colored pencils. Ask members to draw a tree on the paper, once the trunk is created add colored leaves to the tree. Words are written on the leaves to represent desired behaviors that members would like to see represented in their departments and units. Words like honesty, empathy, compassion, sincerity, honesty form the leaves of the tree. Have everyone share their artwork and challenge members to make their “Attitude Tree” a reality for their department or unit.

Hope you all are off to a good start sharing your leadership skills with your departments!!

Until next month,
Melanie