

American Legion Auxiliary
Basic Leadership - Part 1
Facilitator - Deborah Parker,
Department Leadership Chairperson
Via Zoom
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The presentation began at 6:04pm with 18 members participating via zoom. Deborah introduced herself and Jane Montaney, Education and Sponsorships Chairperson. Deborah began the slide presentation with examples of Introverted and Extroverted leadership and members. She shared that within our organization there is room for both.

Leadership and Mentorship - Shared the difference between the two. Leadership is focused on achieving the organization's goals (to train) and Mentorship is (share/nurture).

Next was information about our **American Legion Auxiliary Emblem**:

The emblem stands for God and Country.

The rays represent the sunshine - principles of Loyalty, Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

The circles represent UL - Unity and Liberty

The white represents HF - Hope and Freedom

The Blue star represents service in war

The Gold star represents family and those lost in war

Legislation is in the works to include suicide of veterans which is increasing nationwide and that Jane shared suicide is included in the Gold Star Family.

Deborah emphasized the importance of awareness of all segments of our American Legion Veterans and Auxiliary members - individuals and families, active and retired.

Our four pillars are Americanism, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R), Children & Youth, and National Security.

She shared the difference and similarities between emblems and brands. Our emblem can only be used after approval from National - it is copyrighted and it is our formal recognition. The current website was provided so you can download the form. Answers you will need to have Requesting a person's email and Unit/Department. Manufacturers/Printers name and email, The product name, exact number being ordered, and intended use, as well as dimensions, have a mock up of what the product will look like. Brands were discussed and how to use them. Discussion took place with the request for emblem usage as a one time request only. The public recognizes us as members of this organization. They are less formal, for example the name "American Legion Auxiliary" or "Unit .. of the American Legion Auxiliary are hosting this event".

The slide presentation continued with the items we wear:

Pins, ribbons, sashes, hats. Visuals are important as ways to share and learn about our organization, they all have meaning and appropriateness. She shared that the appropriate place for the American Flag is on the left above our auxiliary emblem pin or name badge with the emblem on it. There is no need to wear a membership pin if you are wearing a name badge with the emblem on it. For officers there are pin guards (lugs) that demonstrate the office held. There are no pins placed on sashes which are worn over the right shoulder and across the body to just above the left hip. There is a difference between a past officer sash (white band in the middle) versus (the current officer is red in the middle) . Sashes are worn at conventions, initiations, ceremonial exercises, and installation just to name a few. Sashes are 1 inch wide and normally 2 ½ inches long. Hats (Scotty and Wave) may be worn and no more than five pins on the right side of the Scotty or the back of the Wave hats. This is per the Department of Washington Standing Rules Article X, Section 2 (j). (Thank you Jane for sharing that additional information).

Parliamentary Procedure was next, including the steps to present and complete a motion from the floor.

1. Chair recognizes the member raising their hand.
2. Member says "I move...", Chair waits a moment for a second.

(If no second is made the chair moves forward to the next item of business).

3. Chair asks for a second, unless the move is from a chairperson in which there is no need for a second.
4. Chair restates the motion for clarity.
5. Chair calls for discussion of the motion.
6. The chair puts the motion to a vote - this can be accomplished verbally, by show of hands, or by ballot passed out by the Sergeant-at-Arms.
7. The results of the vote are announced and the secretary records the motion and outcome into the minutes of the meeting.

Deborah then asked if there were any questions or thoughts. After responding to a few comments she thanked everyone for attending. Attendees were asked for feedback via Zoom or email. Zoom training adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Anders, Unit 0265 Secretary