For those of us involved in large Venturing Crews, the recent addition of three new leadership positions is great news!

The Crew Quartermaster is responsible for the Crew supplies and equipment. He/she keeps an inventory of and maintains equipment in good working order. When equipment is lent to a Crew member, the Quartermaster monitors the safe return of that which was loaned. The Crew Quartermaster generates a list of equipment and supplies needed by the Crew for future acquisition.

The Crew Guide serves as an individual mentor for new Venturers, assisting in their understanding of the Venturing program and participation in Crew activities.

The Crew Historian collects and preserves memorabilia, press releases, photos, and other data of historical significance to the Crew. He/she maintains information about Crew activities and erstwhile Crew members.

It is fitting, as Venturing approaches its 9th birthday that Crews think about their future, preserving Crew history (Historian) and maintaining supplies (Quartermaster) for upcoming members. Also, as membership in Crews increases, the role of a Guide, assisting with the transition into membership, is vital.

--Amy DiFrancesco, 2005 – 2006 National Venturing President