 Membership January 23, 2024 

Sisters and Brothers

We are over halfway into the year 2024. What do you have planned for 2024?

* Lose weight
* Join a gym
* Exercise more
* Be an active part of your Post and Auxiliary
* **Pay Your 2024 VFW Auxiliary Dues**

Paying your membership dues is an easy resolution to make and one that you can keep. We are a strong organization. Let’s keep it that way. Do not lose our members.

? For members who regularly attend meetings

* Do you call members who are missing from meetings
* Do you offer them a ride to meetings
* Do you visit them
* Do you send them a text or email
* Do you contact them at all

Remember when they first joined we greeted them with friendly smiles, open arms and made them feel welcome. What happened to those feelings?

Members why did you stop coming to meetings, participating in Auxiliary and Post activities. Do you dislike the President or another officer? Is the meeting date and time not good for you? Contact a member in the Auxiliary and let them know your concerns. They can only be addressed if you let someone know.

The Department is currently 99.22% in Membership. We need 25 members to be 100% plus. We can do this. We have 48 Auxiliaries. If each Auxiliary pays dues for at least one member, we can reach this goal. Look  Closely at your membership roster find someone.

**The Member Who Never Came Back**

It amuses me to think that your group spends so much time

looking for new members when I was there all the time

Do you remember me? I’m the person you asked to join

I paid my dues and was asked to be a loyal and faithful member

I’m the person who came to every meeting but nobody paid

attention to me. I tried to be friendly

but everyone seemed to have their own friends to talk and sit with.

I sat with different people several times but they

did not pay much attention to me

I hoped somebody would ask me to join one of the

committees or do something but no one did

Finally, because of illness I missed a meeting. When I came again

no one asked me where I had been

I guess it didn’t matter much whether I came or not

Next time I decided to stay home and watch a good TV show

When I came back again no one asked where I was the month before

You might say I’m a good person, fun loving and religious

You know what else I am?

I’m the member who never came back

This was put out by a Post Commander, and I believe it has a lot to say so I am passing it on.

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