



My name is Cassandra Cole, I am the 2024-2025 youth chairman for South Carolina. I'm 44 years old, mother of 7 children and a grandmother of 2. My oldest is 28 years old and my youngest are 11-year-old twins. I'm from Carlsbad California, San Diego County.

I'm currently The Auxiliary President and Canteen Manager of VFW Post 9539 in Spartanburg SC. I've been a Life member of the Auxiliary for 3 ½ years. The youth program was my first program I did on post level, then I became the Jr Vice President working my way through the chairs to Sr vice president then I became the Auxiliary President 2022-2023 year and the 2023-2024 year. I was also the Patriotic instructor in 2022-2023 for District, as well as the Sr Vice President for District 2023-2024 term.

It was an honor to be asked by Madam President Donna Marie King to be a chairman for her this 2024-2025 term. With having children still at home in High School, Middle School and Elementary School, I find it to be the greatest opportunity to involve and educate my children and their peers in everything possible to do with supporting our Veterans. My daughter Catherine Cole took 3rd place in the Department, for her Patriots Pen essay this year and what a proud parent moment that was. I was also able to recognize the Music teacher in District 4 of Woodruff SC for the teacher of the year award. Giving recognition to an amazing job he does for our Youth allows the teachers to know how much they are appreciated for their dedication. I enjoy getting the youth and community involved with the VFW.

From the moment I became a member of the Auxiliary I found myself involved in everything possible to spread the knowledge of what we do as an organization. Being the #1 supporter of our countries Veterans, Active-Duty Military service members and families, brings honor to my everyday life. I was married to a Marine Veteran for 18 years and my grandfather was a Vietnam War Veteran serving in the Navy, so the military life has always been in our family history.

Our youth is the hope of today and the joy of tomorrow, with the Auxiliary educating and leading the young minds to success gives me hope that our Nation's future leaders will make changes that will benefit our Country in the years to come and continue to give the VFW Auxiliary purpose in every we do.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

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