



Sisters and Brothers;

I am Audrey Smith, Lifetime Member of VFW Post 4262. I joined under the eligibility of my husband Oliver Smith, a Viet Nam Veteran. I have 2 sons and one daughter. 3 granddaughters and 1 grandson and 2 great grandsons. I joined the Auxiliary because grandsons. Two great grandsons.

I like to read, travel, and bowl. I joined the VFW Auxiliary because I wanted to give back to our veterans who made sacrifices to provide us with so many things. Freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and the right to vote (just to name a few).

I would like to remind you that all of us are responsible for the growth of the Auxiliary. It is a joint effort. We cannot function without Members! We must work together to help our Veterans'. Together we stand – Divided we Fall!

It's so important for us to remember that our goal is not to simply sign people **up**- We want them to become part of our VFW Auxiliary Family, and we want them to stay with us for life! So, don't be a bill collector who only reaches out to your members when it's time to collect dues- treat them like family! Contact them during the year.

One of the best ways to serve our Veterans is our membership. There is strength in numbers. " We are a **TEAM**. We must work together in our Auxiliary, District and Department to accomplish this.

Develop a plan, establish a membership committee. Divide the membership roster and call members to remind them to pay their dues. Mail or e-mail reminder dues notice. Recruit new members by asking someone. Explain the purpose of the Auxiliary. Membership is the responsibility of everyone!! We must continue to grow. Recruiting new members' will help to make this possible. Don't forget, we must also retain our annual members. Promote a positive image of the VFW Auxiliary.

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