

Brothers and Sisters:



As members of the VFW Auxiliary, we are committed to honor the dead by helping the living. We have over one hundred years of committed service to those who have served us, and have given us our precious FREEDOM---OUR VETERANS. Membership is the key. Membership gives us the power, strength and unity to make a difference. Each member counts! Each member makes a difference! YOUR membership makes it happen.

Past National Chief of Staff (Rita Byers) found this parable entitled **THE MEMBER WHO NEVER CAME BACK (ANONYMOUS)**

"It amuses me now to think that your organization spends so much time looking for new members.... When I was there all the time. Do you remember me?"

"I'm the person who came to every meeting, but nobody paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have her own friends to talk to and sit with. I sat down among some unfamiliar faces several times, but they didn't pay much attention to me.

"I hoped somebody would ask me to join one of the committees or to somehow participate and contribute.... but no one did.

"Finally, because of illness, I missed a meeting. The next month no one asked me where I had been. I guess, it didn't matter very much whether I was there or not. On the next meeting date, I decided to stay home and watch a good television program. When I attended the next meeting, no one asked me where I was the month before.

"You might say that I'm a good person. That I hold a responsible job and love my community.

"You know who else I am? I'm the member who never came back."

Sisters and Brothers, we can't let this happen in our Auxiliaries. WE need to be kind, mentor, involve and listen to our members. Remember if your Auxiliary has problems or questions, we are only a phone call away. **Don't wait until the last minute for help---just call.**

God Bless as we continue **"HONORING VETERANS TOGETHER."**

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