



Preamble

We, the mothers, wives, widows, grandmothers, sisters, daughters, stepdaughters, and granddaughters of American veterans and female veterans, fully realizing our responsibilities to the community, state, and nation, associate ourselves for the following purpose:

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.
- To safeguard the principles of freedom, liberty, and justice for all.
- To promote the cause of peace and goodwill among nations.
- To maintain and inviolate the freedom of our country.
- To preserve the fundamentals of democracy and Americanism.
- To perpetuate the friendship and association of American Veterans.
- And to dedicate ourselves to the cause of mutual assistance... this by the grace of God.



DEFINITION OF AMERICANISM

"AMERICANISM" IS THE UNFAILING LOVE OF COUNTRY: LOYALTY TO ITS INSTITUTIONS AND IDEALS; EAGERNESS TO DEFEND IT AGAINST ALL ENEMIES; UNDIVIDED ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG; AND A DESIRE TO SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY TO OURSELVES AND PROSPERITY.

~ AUTHOR UNKNOWN



AIMS AND PURPOSES

The aims and purposes of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary are as follows

1. To serve our country in peace and in war, to build and maintain the welfare of the United States of America towards lasting prosperity and peace for all its inhabitants.
2. To encourage, in keeping with the policies of our government, the establishment of a concrete plan to secure permanent international peace and to assist in the maintenance of international peace.
3. To inspire in our membership a sense of responsibility and to develop leadership for the preservation of our American democratic way of life.
4. To help unify divergent groups in the overall interest of American democracy.
5. To train our youth to become purposeful citizens in the Republic with full knowledge of the responsibilities as well as the privileges of citizenship.
6. To cooperate with duly recognized existing veteran's organizations in the furtherance of the aims of the American veteran.
7. To keep the public forever reminded that the American veteran fought, served, and died to preserve peace, liberty, and democracy for their Nation.
8. To aid in the fulfillment of the aims and purposes of Amvets, our parent organization.
9. To promote the welfare and fellowship of our members and families.
10. To expedite and assist in the rehabilitation of the Veteran by sponsoring and giving support to educational opportunities, to recreational advantages, to hospitalization and personal problems, and to support the Veterans in all legislation for veterans' benefits.
11. To recognize that the organization known as AMVETS, and chartered by Congressional action on July 23rd, 1947, is the parent organization, and that all organizational divisions of the Auxiliary exist to promote the interest of the parent body; therefore, they cannot act independently except as it favors the objectives of AMVETS.



CODE OF ETHICS

Because I'm fortunate in being able to qualify for membership in the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and because I am proud of our affiliation with the parent organization AMVETS, I must always remember that it is my duty as a member.

1. To live up to the meaning of "Auxiliary", which is "to act in the support of" or "to support."
2. Do you realize that the organization is a subordinate of Amvets and, for that reason, I must be careful not to interfere with Amvets internal organization and politics, and I must never attempt to dominate the organization
3. To conduct myself in a manner that shall never cast my unfavorable reflections on Amvets or AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary.
4. To think and act constructively
5. To accept my duties as a member, a committee member, chairman, or officer willingly, and to the best of my ability to do all in my power to promote the aims and purpose of our organization.
6. To be courteous at all times; to be considerate of others.
7. To show my interest in our organization by attending all meetings and be on time.
8. To accept the rule of the majority gracefully.
9. To assume leadership in the right thinking and action.
10. To respect my officers, my fellow members, and the opinions that they may have.
11. To be temperate in my speech, habits, and opinions.
12. To be extremely careful if I am honored by being elected to any office on any level, that the weight of my office is never used to unduly influence the affairs of our organization or of our parent organization, AMVETS.
13. To endeavor to follow all the purposes of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, as set forth in our constitution, because by doing so, I am serving all mankind, regardless of race, creed or color
14. Finally, believing that the golden rule," All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them", applies to us all, do my part to see that equal opportunity is given to each member to contribute to the good of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary



Our AMVETS Auxiliary of Tennessee has 8 active Auxiliaries statewide.

I would love to increase the number of Auxiliaries to match the number of AMVETS Posts in this Great state of Tennessee.

2 Oak Ridge	100 Etowah
22 Maryville	101 Smithville
45 Paris	389 Elmwood
90 Decatur	911 Benton

We were to have the Installation of officers by our National President, Mary Lanpher, on June 7, 2026.

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of Tennessee Officers:

Department President	Sherrie Meadows	90 Decatur
1st Vice	Chrissy Fugett	100 Etowah
2 nd Vice	Donna Garner	90 Decatur
3 rd Vice	Elois Ledford	911 Benton
Treasurer	Jennifer Dotson	45 Paris
Sgt. AT Arms	Shelly Crawford	90 Decatur
Chaplain	Crystal Mason	101 Smithville
Parliamentarian	Lynn Camp	90 Decatur
Executive SEC.	Wince Wright	45 Paris
Hospital	Cynthia Carter	101 Smithville
Americanism	Patsy Edmonds	389 Elmwood
Scholarship	Kimberly Tracy	2 Oak Ridge
N.E.C	Donna Garner	90 Decatur
VAVS	Patsy Edmonds	389 Elmwood
Ways and Means	Rene Niquette	100 Etowah
Convention Chair	Tina McDaniel	90 Decatur



“Without a purpose larger than oneself, a woman will be empty inside. We have a purpose with AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary.

Belonging to a group or community can lead to a greater sense of purpose and fulfillment in life. When individuals come together with shared interests, they form bonds that go beyond superficial differences.

We are eligible to join the Amvets Auxiliary because we have a Veteran in our lives for whom we hold a special place in our hearts. My Veteran desired to belong somewhere after retiring from the Navy Seabees in 2003.

In 2009, we joined Amvets Post 90 Decatur and the Amvets Ladies' Auxiliary. We are still very active in our Local AMVETS.

We have a purpose; someone or something always needs assistance, and our hearts desire to lend a helping hand.

It all starts at the local level, the Core of this National Organization.

As AMVET Auxiliary members, we are compassionate, charitable, and volunteers, which makes us humanitarian.

Each of us is blessed with gifts, a chain of talents that can be brought out at different times.

We would love you to come join our membership and make a difference.