

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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Be an advocate - Be Informed - Be engaged

We emphasize that “Every Day Is Veterans Day “and make a difference “From Sea To Shining Sea Honoring Veterans” when we support legislation that improves the lives of veterans and their families. The main idea of the legislative program is to make the lives of our Veterans, military members, and families better by advocacy. Through contacting our legislators, we can make a difference that will make our service members, veterans, and families lives better.

VFW Priority Goals

The VFW uses these goals to ensure that VA has what it needs to best help our current and future Veterans.

The goals are listed in six areas:

- Budget
- Health care
- Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs
- Employment, and Transition Assistance
- Health Care
- Military Quality of Life
- National Security, Foreign Affairs, and POW/MIA

The VFW releases the goals in January each year on the VFW national website:

- www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service

VFW Action Corps Weekly

To best help our Veterans sign up for Action Corps weekly, by doing so you can see what is happening in congress relating to our service members and veterans. Here is the site to join:

- vfw.org/JoinActionCorps

Sign up then you can be advocates to help simply by pressing a button to send a letter to your legislators letting them know that you support that legislation.

Thank You Notes with a Purpose

This year, as a way to provide non-member engagement with the VFW legislative program, Auxiliary members are asked to host note-writing campaigns where handwritten notes to veterans include a QR code or link that directs the recipients to the VFW Action Corps Weekly sign-up page or the VFW Priority Goals.

A Bill

Follow the steps of a bill going through the legislative process using a keyword or number, go to:

- www.congress.gov/

How Can We Best Help

We must pay attention to the candidates and what they stand for to be informed as to how to vote to best help our military members, Veterans, and families. We should all vote in our public elections. Attend town hall meetings, listen, and ask questions to the candidates, but never endorse a candidate in the name of the Auxiliary. You can vote on the issues but must remain neutral as an Auxiliary member.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AWARDS

1. Most outstanding activity and or event to create thank-you notes and cards to veterans that include links to VFW Action Corps Weekly and/or Priority Goals.
- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 program divisions that host the most outstanding activity and/ or event to create thank-you notes and cards to Veterans that include links to VFW Action Corps Weekly and/or the VFW Priority Goals.

From July 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. Entry form (required) available at vfwauxpa.org website under *Program – Legislative – National Awards Forms*.

DEPARTMENT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AWARDS

1. Citation to Auxiliaries in each membership division that promoted, participated in, or hosted activities regarding the VFW Priority Goals.
2. Citation to the top 3 Auxiliaries whose members contacted legislators on Veterans issues by any means. (emails, letters, post cards, phone calls, etc.)
3. Citation to the top 3 Auxiliaries whose members attended events and interacted with legislators. (legislative conferences, town halls, meet and greets, etc.)
4. Citation to Auxiliary with the most outstanding activity or event to create thank-you notes and cards sent to veterans that include links to the VFW Action Corps Weekly and/or VFW Priority Goals.

Must submit supporting documentation with year-end reports.

ALL OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING AUDITS, BONDS, DELEGATE FEES, PLEDGES, SUPPLIES ETC. TO NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS MUST BE MET FOR YOUR AUXILIARY TO QUALIFY FOR AWARDS.