

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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BE AN ADVOCATE* BE INFORMED* BE ENGAGED

Do you know how you can make a difference for Veterans in your community? Be an advocate, inform yourself on issues that exist in the community and be engaged in local activities to help make a difference. Be the voice for your Veteran community.

VETERANS 2024 PRIORITY GOALS are to fully fund programs for veterans, service and their families. Congress must:

- Reform the dysfunctional federal budget process.
- Authorize the VA to receive reimbursements from TRICARE and Medicare.
- Never reduce one veteran's benefits to pay for another.

THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS PRIORITY GOALS FOR 2024:

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

VFW ACTION CORPS WEEKLY

Sign up for this free subscription that provides an overview of what is happening on Capitol Hill regarding Veteran and Service Member issues. By accessing the vfwauxiliary.org website and reviewing the “What we do” and select “Legislative”, you can use this information as a tool to inform your Auxiliary members of important legislation currently on the docket.

- Visit vfw.org/JoinActionCorps
- Text “VFW” to 50457*

The VFW and VFW Auxiliary Advocates are respected highly and taken very seriously in Washington D.C. This is attributed to the hard work and persistence of members and officers over the years. To contact the D.C. Office:

Website: vfw.org/advocacy
Phone: 202-543-2239
Mail: 200 Maryland Ave N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

ASK THE QUESTIONS

Are you Registered to Vote? If not, do you know how to register? Every vote matters. Let your voice be heard. Do you know where your elected officials stand on Veterans issues? Prepare yourself to communicate with these individuals on upcoming legislation. Hold a local meet and greet for your community to be able to ask questions of those in office or those running for office. **BE CAREFUL NOT TO ENDORSE ANY CANDIDATE** on behalf of the VFW Auxiliary. The goal for the Auxiliary is to remain neutral. When working with youth activities, ask them what makes a person a Veteran. Do they know any Veterans or have any family members that may be service members or Veterans? Help to promote a better understanding in our youth of the importance of our Veterans.

MALTA MEMBER RESOURCES – LEGISLATIVE

Malta contains a great deal of information that VFW Auxiliary can tap into and share with other Auxiliary members. Review these tools and use these to share information about the legislative process to members in your Auxiliary

The VFW and its' Auxiliary have worked very hard to educate and prepare members to be active in the Legislative process. Providing the members with strong foundations in the following areas is very important:

- An understanding of our mission
- A mentor to train them
- A role they can fill to be part of the team

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AWARDS

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE AWARDS AND CITATIONS

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event collaborating with the VFW Post connecting members with local lawmakers.
 - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions with most outstanding activity and/or event that collaborated with the VFW Post connecting with members with local lawmakers.

Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to their Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2025, for judging. The Department winning entry form to the National Legislative Ambassador by April 30, 2025, for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary Nation Convention.

DEPARTMENT LEGISLATIVE AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES:

1. A citation to each Membership Division who has the most members corresponding with legislators in the program year.
2. A citation to the Auxiliary or District that holds a Town Hall or another form of an informational session with Legislators or Candidates.
3. A citation to the Auxiliary that shows the best use of the Legislative Resources in Malta.
4. A "Star Award" to the Auxiliary with the best promotion of the VFW Priority Goals. Documentation must be submitted with year-end reports.

Must submit supporting documentation with year-end reports.

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