

VFW Auxiliary Department of Maryland



Legislative



February Promotion

Hi fellow Legislative chairman, thanks for reporting your Auxiliary legislative activities. At your next meeting please report on a few of these topics; New 2024 Priority Goals, Suicide Prevention, Legislation to watch and Action Corp. Make sure to record activities on my legislative form and attach additional details.

VFW Legislative Priority Goals

Goals for 2024 has been updated by the VFW, please use the Legislative link on MALTA under Member Resources /Legislative and scroll down to VFW Priority Goals. You can scan this QR code from your smart phone to go directly to the page.



Legislation Recently Passed in 2023

- H.R. 3848 Housing Our Military Veterans Effectively (HOME) Act: Veterans Homeless Bill.
- H.R. 542 Elisabeth Dole Home Care Act of 2023: title 38, United States Code, to modify the family caregiver program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to include services related to mental health and neurological disorders, and for other purposes.
- H.R. 3581 COPE ACT: Authority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to entities to improve provision of mental health support to family caregivers of veterans.

National Legislative Awards

Remember to send me your entry form for outstanding activities educating your community on veteran legislative issues by March 31, 2024.

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Legislative Award for Auxiliaries No. 1

Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on veteran Legislative issues.
 - **Citation** to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that educates their community on veteran Legislative issues. Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
 - **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences with the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on Legislative issues. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department
Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: _____ No.: _____

Department of: _____

Describe the Auxiliary hosted activity and/or event that educated their community on veteran Legislative issues. Please attach any additional information. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

Department Legislative Chairman: _____ Date: _____
(signature)

April 30, 2024 - The Department Legislative Chairman must sign and send the completed Department-winning Auxiliary entry form to National Legislative Ambassador Sherry Howland for judging.

AND

April 30, 2024 - The Department Legislative Chairman must email VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at info@vfwauxiliary.org a total combined list of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

Forms sent directly to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed.