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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM



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Be Informed: VFW Priority Goals

S.2888 / H.R.3933, the TAP Promotion Act

The House and Senate Committees on Armed Services are negotiating their versions of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2025. An important VFW legislative priority, S.2888 / H.R.3933, the TAP Promotion Act, is currently in the House version (Section 563) only. This provision would require that accredited claims representatives such as service officers from VSOs such as the VFW and others, along with state and county service officers, are present in Transition Assistance Program (TAP) classes to support transitioning service members with filing pre-discharge claims. This would facilitate a warm hand-off from the Department of Defense to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for the benefits that veterans have earned and deserve.

<u>Contact your elected representatives today</u> and ask them to ensure that S.2888 / H.R.3933, the TAP Promotion Act, remains in the final version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2025

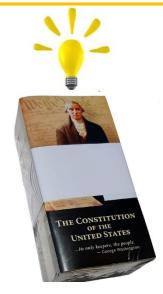
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There are resources available to your Auxiliary at our legislative web page. Use this QR code to find them.

- Auxiliary Legislative Tools and Resources
- VFW Auxiliary Involvement in Elections and Political Activities
- I Vote in Honor of a Veteran sticker Templates
- VFW Auxiliary Guide to the Legislative Process
- VFW Auxiliary Guide to Contacting Your Legislators



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Be Engaged: Project Ideas for Legislative Chairmen

- As Legislative Chairman, keep your members informed. Update them at your auxiliary meetings by:
 - O Clarifying each of the Priority Goals.
 - Sharing updates from Action Corps Weekly
 - Discussing current priority legislation needing our attention by contacting our legislators.
- Encouraging all members to register to vote and provide transportation for members that may have mobility issues on election day.
- There are Constitution pamphlets available on Amazon, samples will be available at Dept of MD district visits. These make for a great Legislative promotional introduction at VFW & Auxiliary events or displays.

<u>Pocket Constitution (25 Pack): U.S. Constitution with Index & Declaration of Independence: National Center for Constitutional Studies: 9781636253947: Amazon.com: Books</u>