



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of Maryland
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
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★ ★ Be An Advocate - Be Informed - Be Engaged ★ ★

The **Main Objectives of the Legislative Program** is to improve the lives of our veterans, service members, and their families. This can be done through *Advocacy*. Our efforts can influence lawmakers whose decisions will affect our veterans and their families every day.

There are 6 areas of concern:

- **Budget**
- Health Care
- Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs
- Education, Employment and Transition Assistance
- Military Readiness
- National Security, Foreign Affairs and POW/MIA

The focus on **Budget** is to fund relevant Programs for Veterans, service members and their families. Congress must:

- Ensure sufficient, Timely appropriations and proper budget oversight for VA
- Authorize VA to receive reimbursements from TRICARE and Medicare.
- Never reduce on veteran's benefits to pay for another
- Modernize and reform VA and DOD Programs that do not meet the needs of Service members, veterans, and families.

Play a Role in the Process

Engage and help ensure that these priority goals are enacted.

Are you an informed Veterans' advocate?

Simple steps you can take to understand legislative issues and make a difference on Capitol Hill include:

- Signing up for VFW Action Corps Weekly and answering the call to take action when the VFW sends out alerts. Visit [VFW.org/Joinactioncorps](https://www.vfw.org/joinactioncorps) Text VFW to 50457
- Reading and understanding the VFW Priority Goals.
- Contacting your legislators about issues impacting veterans and their families.
- Voting in every local, state and national election you are able.

Take these steps and learn more on our website, linked in bio under Legislative, or click this link: vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/legislative/

**Please review the Legislative Program Report from
School of Instruction for details on the following.**

Special Projects

*"Lighting the way between veterans' families and legislators
with a wave of gratitude. "*

Thank you notes with Purpose

and

Legislative "Gratitude Days"

Who are your State Legislators?

Be aware of what is happening that is affecting our Veterans.

Contact your representative with emails and phone calls.

Follow them on social media. Our Voices need to be heard.

Report all your activities and actions.

**Get the members into the habit of letting you know what
they are doing.**

**Don't' forget to include your Post # in the email Subject Line and
your return address on mailed reports for an extra point.**

Go to

[Action Center](#)

to send a message to your Senator to



To Keep Veterans in Their Homes.

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