



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 **Health Care** is to ensure service members and veterans receive timely access to high-quality health care without increasing cost share. Congress, VA and DOD must:

- Eliminate service member and veteran suicide.
- Reform the dysfunctional community care programs at VA.
- Strengthen care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injuries.
- Research the efficacy of plant-based alternative therapies for PTSD.
- Improve oversight of Vet Centers to ensure adequate staffing, resources, and funding.
- Enhance programs and services for women and underserved veterans.
- Preserve the integrity of TRICARE.
- Properly implement VA and DOD health IT systems.
- Expand nursing home eligibility and long-term care options.
- Modernize care for veterans outside of the United States.

Play a Role in the Process

Engage and help ensure that these priority goals are enacted.



TRICARE is the healthcare program for uniformed service members, retirees, and their family members [around the world](#).

TRICARE provides [comprehensive coverage](#) to all beneficiaries, including:

- [Health plans](#)
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Most TRICARE health plans meet the requirements for [minimum essential coverage](#) under the Affordable Care Act.

TRICARE is managed by the [Defense Health Agency](#) under leadership of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs).

<https://votervoice.net/VFW/bills>

There are currently over 70 bills benefiting our veterans in Congress.

Information is all found in Action Corp Weekly

<https://votervoice.net/VFW/Directory>

Find your legislator.

Focus on a few, reach out to your Representative and let them know what we need for our Veterans.

Sometimes our voice is all the veteran has.

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

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