



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

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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 Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs** is to ensure veterans and their survivors have timely access to earned Benefits, Congress, VA and DOD must:

- Crack down on unaccredited claims consultants know as Claim Sharks.
- Study all toxic and environmental exposures and implement programs to ensure health care and benefits are provided to all exposed service members and veterans.
- Properly oversee and update the modernized appeals process, digital claims processing, and antiquated examination process.
- Increase Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, burial allowances and other benefits for survivors
- Improve the accuracy of disability compensation claims related to military sexual trauma
- Ensure that earned VA benefits are never unjustly reduced.

Play a Role in the Process

Engage and help ensure that these priority goals are enacted.

Don't forget to report Special Projects

**Thank you notes with Purpose
and
Legislative "Gratitude Days"**

Immediate Action Needed.

According to Action Corp Weekly there are two Key VFW Priorities included in the **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2026 and must stay in the final bill.**

- **The Major Richard Star Act:** ends the offset that denies Combat-injured, medically retired veterans the full benefits they have earned.
- **The Tap Promotion Act:** improved the transition process by giving service members direct access to accredited Va claims assistance.

Contact your legislators at the link below.

<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 Congress Person 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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