



**Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary**  
**Department of Maryland**  
**LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**  
**Chairman Linda Eberhart**  
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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

I received a great idea to help get people interested and review our Priority Goals.

This idea came from Bobbie Godlman Post 7472 In Ellicott City. She calls the Game,

**PriorityGrams**

**Materials**

A bag of Bananagrams letter tiles, Scrabble tiles work too,

A Few Copies of the Priority Goals Brochure

Some Candy

**Rules**

Use as many letter tiles as you want to spell any random word. Look at the brochure to see if the word is in the priority goals. If it is, you get a piece of candy.

It seems like a great way to get members to be aware of what the VFW is doing to help our Veterans. It may even help spark interest in getting involved. I hope you'll give it a try and let me know how it goes.

# National Legislative Ambassador Amy Jo Lett

I have only a few Post report about the following

**“Gratitude Days”**

**Thank You notes with a purpose.**

These projects are outlined in past reports. Let’s get working on being a force for our Veterans! This is a great way to start.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**VFW Condemns Second Block of Major Richard Star Act:** The VFW voiced strong outrage after the U.S. Senate blocked passage of the Major Richard Star Act for a second time. VFW National Commander Carol Whitmore said she was “appalled” that the bill was again stopped through procedural opposition. The measure, introduced as S. 1032, was brought forward for unanimous consent by Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs Ranking Member Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut, but was blocked by Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson. The VFW emphasized the legislation would correct an injustice affecting more than 50,000 combat-injured veterans. Whitmore urged lawmakers to end the “procedural games,” hold a full hearing and pass the bill to honor veterans’ service and sacrifice.

**This was taken from Action Corp Weekly, Reach out to your legislators. This is how we support the service members that protected our freedom.**

If you haven’t reported anything this year there is still time. Let’s support our Veterans and our Department President Bill Siperek. Be a Force for our Veterans. Share the Action Corp Weekly at your meeting or post it in the Canteen. Share the Priority Goals, write a thank you note to a veteran and share the above with them, include the QR Code below so they can sign up for the Action Corp Weekly. Reach out to your legislator, post information on your website or Facebook pages to remind others we need their help. Let’s try and get 100% reported for the year.

I look forward to hearing from you. Let me know if you tried Bobbie's game.

## Be A Force for our Veterans

<https://votervoicenet.com/VFW/bills>

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

**Information is all found in Action Corp Weekly**

<https://votervoicenet.com/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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