



# LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM 2026 – 2027

**WE, AS AN AUXILIARY, ARE THE ADVOCATE FOR OUR VETERANS!**

**AT NEARLY 480,000 MEMBERS, OUR VOICES COULD MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!**

## **EDUCATE YOURSELF, KNOW THE GOALS SET FORTH BY THE VFW =**

- ❖ BUDGET
- ❖ HEALTH CARE
- ❖ DISABILITY ASSISTANCE and MEMORIAL AFFAIRS
- ❖ EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT and TRANSITION ASSISTANCE
- ❖ MILITARY READINESS
- ❖ NATIONAL SECURITY, FOREIGN AFFAIRS and POW/MIA

**PAY ATTENTION TO THE ACTION ALERTS! ACT! MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD  
BE ONE OF THE INFORMED, SUPPORT.**

Don't be an ostrich with your head in the sand.

<https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/vfw-action-corps=weekly>

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



**IF WE, AND OUR VETERAN, DON'T SPEAK UP, WHO WILL?!**

## **BE ENGAGED**

- ❖ GET TO KNOW YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE
- ❖ AT STATE
- ❖ CAPITAL
- ❖ EVEN AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

STANDING ALONGSIDE THE VFW, SPEAKING TO LEGISLATORS, WE CAN INFLUENCE HOW THEY PERCEIVE THE NEEDS OF OUR VETERANS, EMPHASIZING THAT THEY DESERVE IMPROVED CARE AND BENEFITS AFTER THEY SERVE OUR COUNTRY.



THIS WOULD TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF PLANNING AND COOPERATION. CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATION AND HAVE A TOWN HALL.

KNOW YOUR VFW PRIORITIES, NOT JUST THE NAME OF THE BILL. SHOW YOUR LEGISLATORS YOU ARE INVESTED IN YOUR VETERANS' NEEDS. WORK WITH THE VFW. WE FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE VFW; WE ARE IN THE SUPPORTING ROLE.



## JOIN THE VFW AT THE TWO LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCES EACH YEAR.

IT IS HELD EACH MARCH AND SEPTEMBER. BE A PART OF THE ENTOURAGE ON CAPITAL HILL! KNOW YOUR TALKING POINTS, TELL YOUR STORY, ASK FOR SUPPORT.

## ATTEND TOWN HALLS/MEET AND GREETES

## FIND A WAY TO CONNECT AND INTERACT WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS



**ARE YOU AWARE THAT THE ACTION CORP PARTICIPANT DOES NOT NEED TO BE A VETERAN OR AUXILIARY MEMBER?!?! IT CAN BE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SUPPORT VETERANS!!!!**

SOME SUGGESTIONS WOULD INCLUDE FAMILY MEMBERS, NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS, CHURCH AND BOOK CLUB MEMBERS, GYM FRIENDS, SOCIAL MEDIA FAMILY, CHRISTMAS CARD LIST, POST ON BULLETIN BOARD, A STRANGER IN THE GROCERY STORE LINE.....

## REPORTING

JUST DO IT!! FORM IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AND EASY TO FILL I

ONE REPORT REQUIRED FOR THE YEAR BUT MONTHLY WILL PUT YOU IN THE RUNNING FOR END OF YEAR AWARDS AT CONVENTION.

THERE REALLY ISN'T AN EXCUSE NOT TO. USE THE PRIORITY GOALS, TALK ABOUT ACTION CORP WEEKLY UPDATES, UTILIZE YOUR EMAIL OR PHONE TREE TO URGE MEMBERS TO MAKE ACTION ALERTS NEEDING SUPPORT.

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