

Legislative Program

BE AN ADVOCATE - BE INFORMED - BE ENGAGED

We the People = We The Auxiliary!

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S THEME

"ONE FAMILY! ONE VOICE! ONE TEAM!"

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S THEME

"FROM OUR ROOTS TO OUR BRANCHES
EXTENDING SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS"

Program Goals:

VFW Priority Goals are: the structure of all VFW work

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

VFW Action Corps

"WeThe Auxiliary" can join and encourage others to do the same. Action Corps is a free E-News letter found on vfwauxiliary.org. The letter informs everyone on Action for our Veterans taking place on Capitol Hill.

This is your way of acting and supporting Bills that the VFW is working for our Veterans, service members and their families.

Step by Step A Bill.

"We The Auxiliary" can follow a Bill by www.vfw.org-use the drop down bar to find "Advocacy". Then go to "grass roots efforts", next view Action Corps. Scroll down to view current legislation.

From there you can find a **Bill**

VFW in Washington

The most important task for an Auxiliary member is to lobby our Congressmen and urge them to act for our Veterans. Testifying at committee hearings and talking with congressional members to support veterans and service members

Educate your Members and Community

- > *We the Auxiliary can be involved with Town Hall meeting or have one at our post.*
- > *Encourage others to go to meetings*
- > *Familiarize yourself with all Priority Goals and host activities to teach goals.*
- > *Reach out to local lawmakers.*
- > *Encourage the voting process and vote*
- > *Do not endorse any candidate on behalf of the VFW Auxiliary or while campaigning.*
- > *Use Malta Members Resources and teach others*

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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AWARDS
FOR AUXILIARIES

- **One Award for Promoting “BILL” through pictures** in each membership group

- **One Award for Most outstanding activity and/or event collaborating with the VFW Post connecting members with local lawmakers** in each membership group. Entry form required and available in Department & MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to their Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2025 for judging. The Department Legislative Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to the National Legislative Ambassador by April 30, 2025 for judging.

LEGISLATIVE NATIONAL AWARDS
AWARDS FOR DEPARTMENTS AND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN

1. \$25 VFW Store gift certificate to one Department Legislative Chairman in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the best promotion of ensuring elected officials are educated on the importance of VFW legislative goals and veterans’ rights.

2. The Outstanding Performance Award and Second-Place Outstanding Performance Award will be awarded in each of the 10 Program Divisions based on the criteria listed on Page 5 and for the promotion of the Program goals listed at the top of Page 35. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.