



We the Auxiliary Can, Be An Advocate, Be Informed, Be Engaged

Our National Ambassador, Deanna Guyette considers' " the Legislative Program to be the root of all other VFW Auxiliary Programs and initiatives."

The VFW has a video called Celebrating the Legacy: History of the VFW.

https://youtu.be/kslCT4AJx_M?si=AggtYa1qGK7uvCuc

It explains how the VFW started and how it began fighting for veterans, military, and their families. To this day, the VFW and Auxiliary are still advocating for them on Capitol Hill. *We the Auxiliary* can help join that fight.

National Awards for Auxiliaries

Most outstanding activity and/or event collaborating with the VFW Post connecting members with local lawmakers

Entry form required and available in Malta. VFW Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Legislative chairman by March 31, 2025 for judging

Legislative priority goal-

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

- Eliminate service member and veteran suicide by addressing both clinical and non-clinical needs.
- Strengthen care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injuries.
- Improve oversight of Vet Centers to ensure adequate staffing, resources, and funding.
- Enhance programs and services for women and underserved veterans.
- Eliminate copayment requirements for preventive health care and medications.
- Research the efficacy of medical cannabis and other alternative therapies.
- Preserve the integrity of TRICARE.
- Properly implement VA and DOD health IT systems.
- Expand nursing home eligibility and long-term care options.
- Enhance services for veterans outside of the United States.

Try to work with your Post on legislative issues. They may be inviting a representative to speak at a VFW / Auxiliary event or writing letters to lawmakers regarding Veterans issues. Your post may want to become a polling station or assist members with voting.

It's important to know who represents your area. To find your district house of representative go to www.house.gov, just enter your zip code and follow instructions. Then, you can contact your local lawmaker and advocate for our veterans, military, and their families. *We The Auxiliary* have the power of our voices to let them know how we feel about our veterans.

Are you learning your **Priority Goals** then sharing?
Did you sign up **for Action Corps** and invite others?

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