



# LEGISLATIVE

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***Be an Advocate – Be Informed – Be Engaged***

## BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS

When the VFW National Legislative Director Kristina Keenan participated in a veterans organization roundtable, hosted by House Minority Leader and House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, she was asked what members of Congress could do to better understand the issues that veterans face. Her response was to host Town Hall meetings to hear directly from veterans in their district.

### Get involved

- Attend a function where your Legislators are going to be.
- Wear your Auxiliary attire so they know who you represent.
- Given the opportunity – introduce yourself.
- Go with 1 or 2 Priority veteran bills in mind, know if the bill is in the Senate or House and be prepared to share with the appropriate legislator.
- Know if they are a co-sponsor of the bill and if they are – thank them! If not ask them to consider the bill. Be sure you know what the number and name of bill is.
- Give them your business card if you have one.



## FOLLOW THE BILLS AND TAKE ACTION

***'Bridge the Gap' between our Veterans' issues and Legislators***

Study the issues laid out clearly in the VFW Priority Goals. The goals are grouped under six areas of concern:

- Budget
- Health Care
- Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs
- Education, Employment & Transition Assistance
- Military Readiness
- National Security, Foreign Affairs and POW/MIA

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