

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Program Goals:

- Be an Advocate
- Be Informed
- Be Engaged

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S THEME

"Stand Up, Speak Out"

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S THEME

"Banding Together For Veterans"

We as Auxiliaries stand up, speak out for our Veterans. Banding together for Veterans through our Legislation.

VFW Priority Goals are:

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

The goals above are released every year in the month of January by the VFW. Brochures are available at the National VFW and Auxiliary Website.

VFW Action Corps Weekly

- Subscribe to the National website vfwauxiliary.org, go to "What we do", click on Legislative.

Step by Step-A Bill

- Follow a Bill on legislative process visit congress.gov.

VFW in Washington D.C.

- VFW actively Lobby Congress, getting laws passed for Veterans.

Educate your members, and community.

- Meet and communicate with elected officials.
- Auxiliary does not politically endorse anyone.
- Learn and understand, Ask questions on Veterans issues.
- Resources available to all members "Malta Member Resources"

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DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES:

- 1. Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on veteran Legislative issues.**
 1. Special Award to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Membership Classes that host an activity and/or event that educates their community on veteran Legislative issues. Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2024, for judging.
 2. Special Award to Top 3 Videos and a Citation on *"How we help our Men/Women Veterans through legislations"*. Video should be 3-5 Minutes long and downloaded on "YouTube". Video must be posted on Auxiliary Facebook page or Post Facebook page and send to: Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2024.

NATIONAL AWARDS:

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- 1. Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on veteran Legislative issues.**
 - Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts activity and/or event educates their community on veteran Legislative issues. Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2024, for judging. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
 - Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences that hosts activity and/or event educating their community on Legislative issues. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention.

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