

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Program Goals:

- **Be an Advocate**
- **Be Informed**
- **Be Engaged**

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S THEME

"Champion for Veterans"

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S THEME

"Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care"

Let us continue to help the public understand and influence representatives in Washington DC to pass Legislation that supports our Veterans and their needs.

VFW Priority Goals are:

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

These goals are released every year in the month of January by the VFW. You can go to either the National VFW or the VFW Auxiliary website for the current Priority Goals brochure.

VFW Action Corps Weekly

- Action Corps newsletter comes out by email every week. It is free and gives you the issues, goals and how to show support for our Veterans.

Community Legislative Education and Engagement

- **Know** the current issues so you can be effective in getting the word out to the public.
- **Know** what the process is from start to end of passing a Bill, understand what each Bill stands for and pass along your knowledge and passion to help our Veterans.
- **Know** when town Hall meetings are in your community and share VFW Priority Goals brochures.
- **Know** how to use media to help share the VFW Priority Goals. Ex: Face Book, Local News Papers, Twitter, Instagram, and Radio.
- **Know** how to and share links so the community can read further on VFW goals to help our Veterans.

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DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES:

1. **Most Outstanding consistent partnership and/or communication with young adult civic and/or political groups.**

- Special Award to one (1) Auxiliary in each of the four (4) membership classes.

Criteria and entry form (required) available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources . Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2023.

NATIONAL AWARDS:

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1. **Most Outstanding consistent partnership and/or communication with young adult civic and/or political groups.**

- Citation to every Auxiliary that maintains a consistent partnership and/or communication with young adult civic and/or political groups.

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Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.

- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the **Most outstanding consistent partnership and/or communication with young adult civic and/or political groups.**

Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

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