



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Legislative Bulletin – August/September, 2024

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National Theme: *From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans*
Department Theme: *Aspire to Inspire*

Program Goals

Be an Advocate - Be Informed - Be Engaged

Wow! This summer is flying by. What has your Auxiliary done so far to address our achievement goals and have you reported it? There is much to do these next few months with two elections upon us.

Get Out The Vote: The August Primary Election is Tuesday, August 6th. Not sure what is on your ballot? You can visit www.mi.gov/vote or your local Clerk's Office to review your ballot language. Individuals who are not currently registered to vote, after July 22, 2024, must register in person at your local Clerk's Office to vote in the August 6, 2024, election. Remember who sacrificed to give you the right to vote - it is your responsibility to exercise that right! Access Malta under Member Resources/ Legislative. Find *VFW Auxiliary Involvement in Elections and Political Activities*. This is full of helpful Do's & Don'ts and you can print out the updated "Veterans Vote" brochure and the "I Vote in Honor of a US Veteran" stickers to proudly wear when you go into vote!



VFW Priority Goals: What are you doing with your Post to promote the VFW Priority Goals? Do you have the brochures available on your Post information tables? Did you set up a membership table at your local county fair and have the brochures displayed? Have you educated your Auxiliary & Post members on how important these goals are for the well-being of our Veterans? And don't forget to report any and all of your activities!



VFW Action Corps Weekly: Call to Action - Pass H.R. 8371

The VFW supports the comprehensive *Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act*. Veterans and survivors can benefit from many of the bill's provisions. It would expand the caregiver program to those who serve our nation's veterans. Ensuring veterans can receive care in the VA or the community is crucial to their quality of life. We must continue to enhance services and benefits to provide all veterans with access to care and prompt mental health services. Caregivers also need the resources required to properly care for our selfless men and women. Additionally, veterans should not be financially burdened when receiving ambulatory services for emergency care. Send letters to your U.S. Representatives to Pass H.R. 8371, Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act, out of the House and to the Senate to improve benefits and care for veterans, survivors, and caregivers.

Communication With Your Legislators: With elections approaching, check to see if any candidates or current representatives are holding town hall meetings. Invite them to your soup supper or burger night. Inquire where they stand on veteran issues. Remember, just watching political functions is not considered part of our goals. And, we are non-partisan; equal time for all parties.

When communicating with your legislators, remember to report who the representative is, the topic, if it is a bill, report the number of the bill & the title. Always thank them for their support of our veteran.



Reporting: Remember to keep reporting, however, reporting does not mean report for the sake of reporting. Reading your bulletin is great but it does not address our achievement goals. And some of your activities not reportable in Legislative might be reportable in other programs, such as assisting a Veteran in the voting process can be reported under Veterans & Family Support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of our Veterans and their families.

Respectfully Submitted,

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