



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Legislative – August/September 2025

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National Theme: *From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free*
Department Theme: *We Don't Know Them All, But We Owe Them All*

I hope everyone has been staying cool in this summer heat. **Please look at the UPDATED GUIDESHEET.** Everyone has been doing an excellent job at promoting and using Action Corps. Let's keep it up! If you're struggling with ideas, you can share the Reel on the Michigan Legislative Facebook page and that will count towards promoting Action Corps.

Action Corp Weekly is an excellent resource that has weekly updates on issues that are happening on Capital Hill. If you have not signed up yet, please do so! It is imperative that you do because it gives you the knowledge of issues that you can share and help advocate for. These emails will come to your personal email that you used at sign-up. Again, it is **IMPERATIVE** that you open these emails as you get them. If you do not, you will be dropped off the mailing and you will not be getting these critical updates. It takes just a few seconds to open that email and click on a link. Perhaps, sit down with your morning coffee, open the links and see where you need to focus your attention to help spread the word on current veteran issues.

Also, one percent of U.S Citizens are active in the military. Approximately six percent are Veterans. All together that is seven percent of the United States Population who are serving or have served, to put that into perspective that is seven out of every one hundred people. If active military and Veterans are the only ones working towards their priority goals or advocating with local legislators, they are a drop in the bucket of the people those politicians see or speak to in their everyday lives. On the other hand, sixty percent of people can say they are a close personal relative of a Veteran, SIXTY! Together we can help our Veterans by using our voices. Showing up to our local meetings and sending out our names with the Action Alerts emails to our representatives is a great way to be of assistance to reaching our goals.

What are the VFW's Priority goals:

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

So, when we encounter our Legislators, we should have these in mind. When we speak with these legislators, as our National Chairman, Amy Jo Le, wrote, **"These discussions are not only about advocacy but also about ensuring our legislators understand that behind every policy is a story of service and sacrifice."** Remember who you speak with and when you get

home, send a thank you letter for their time. It will help keep Veterans and their issues in their mind. Don't forget to post photos with our Legislators or Reels, let us not forget to use the **#Auxlegislative** when you post!



Have you organized "A Day of Gratitude"? When you are sending out "Thank You" cards to your local legislators you can include the QR code linking them to VFW Priority Goals.

Your "Gratitude Day" can also be to send Thank you notes to the members of your post and truly thank them for their service and sacrifice. Include a way to sign them up for Action Corps so they can see there are still many of us fighting for them and that they too can pick up the gauntlet and they will not be alone. We as an organization are with them.

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