

Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary

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Hello Michigan

It is

2024!!!

You know what this means?

It is a presidential election year!



It is leap year!



It is the Olympics! – summer events.

Remember – as representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary we are to remain non-political towards any political party or candidate. What we should be focusing upon is the credentials of the candidates and how supportive this individual has been or will be towards the armed forces and our veterans.



Senator Stabenow announced last year that she will NOT be seeking re-election. This means a big change for Michigan's influence in Washington DC. I hear that ten individuals are vying for nomination as the GOP candidate. Not sure how many from the Democratic party want the job. Choose wisely who will be the next senator from Michigan.

Our focus must
needed care
duty armed



remain on those bills before Congress that will help veterans receive their and financial supports and those bills that will improve the lives of our active forces.

When reporting, remember to tell me what action members whom did the member contact, about what issue, did you ask support the issue?



took –write, call, email – to the congressperson to

Working a political campaign, working election polls and voting are NOT legislative activities and should NOT be reported as such – these are patriotic actions and fall more closely under Americanism.

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Let us review. Legislative work is winning friends and influencing others to issues concerning our military, our veterans, and their families. How do we do this? By getting to know who are the people in Lansing and Washington DC. The people who pass bills (action for the government to do) based on their beliefs and influences made by individuals, organizations, companies, lobbyists. Are you sitting back and just trying to get by in life? Or do you believe that the government should be held accountable for some of the poorer decisions made in the past that have proven harmful to veterans? Like defoliants spread in southeast Asia. Like contaminated water basins in Camp Lejeune and Hickam Airbase.

Did you go to the national website “MALTA” and download the legislative material and distribute copies to the community?



Did you report the “total” number of members who get Action Corps? Not just new members, but everyone?



Did you work on the priority goals by bringing the information to your federal representative and ask for their support on these concerns?

Did you invite your state representative/state senator to your Americanism programs or scholarship banquet? Did you report who you invited and if that individual attended?

How many letters did you/your members write to Senators Stabenow and Peters? How many letters did you/your members write to your Congressperson?



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