



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Legislative Bulletin – June/July, 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

Greetings and Happy June! As we begin another year of advocacy for our veterans, I would like to thank each and every one of you for undertaking this most important mission called the Legislative Program. For those of you who are familiar with our Program, Welcome back! For those of you who are new to the organization, first time chairmen or you just want to be more informed about the program, please visit <https://vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do-/legislative/> for a wealth of knowledge and tools.

VFW Priority Goals: The 2024 VFW priority Goals can be found at: <https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service>. This page will explain, in detail, the priority goals. On the left-hand side of the page, you can click on the priority goals brochure and print it off. Share with your members as well as your Post members. Work in conjunction with your Post counterpart and have them available at your Post as well as any other displays you may have.



VFW Action Corps Weekly: This is a free weekly newsletter that provides up-to-date legislative information and what is happening in Washington, DC. It will also let us know if we need to "Take Action" on any bills in the House &/or Senate. Anyone can sign up for this newsletter but **every** Auxiliary & Post member should be signed up. Sign up at <https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts>.



Communication With Your Legislators: Don't know who your legislators are? You can access your State Legislators by going to www.Michiganlegislature.org. Your U.S. representatives are available at www.senate.gov and www.house.gov. Get on their webpages and sign up for their newsletters. They share whenever they are working or attending a veteran affair/issue.

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, 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.

I would like to continue our past Dept Chair Aileen's push for a military cemetery in the Upper Peninsula. We are looking at KI Sawyer Air Base as a potential site. I will have petitions available at Dept Convention for you to sign. You can certainly start your own & send them to: State Representative Jenn Hill at: JennHill@house.mi.gov. I will post info on the Legislative Facebook page as soon as I have access.



I am looking forward to a wonderfully productive year. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. If I don't immediately have an answer for you, I will find someone who will. Please familiarize yourself with the Legislative Guide Sheet and don't forget to REPORT!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

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