

**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
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Hoping everyone safely celebrated our nation's 250th birthday.

As indicated in the July bulletin, legislation is a lot like school, where learning, participation, and effort shape the outcome. Did you go to school by voting in the August primaries? Let's continue our obligation of making our voice matter by bookmarking

<https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index> for future reference to dates, times, and ballot samples for our districts.

We also need to stay on top of current legislation <https://votervoice.net/VFW/bills>. We must remain vigilant on all. Although the vote was cancelled for H. R. 9237 due to overwhelming opposition from so many, thanks all. We must remind our legislators that every veteran honored their contract it is time our leaders honor the contract. Bills can move very quickly or come to a screeching halt as we saw with Take Care of America's Veterans Act.

Homework for August:

- Learn who your representatives are [Find Your Legislators](#)
- Pick five bills from the link above and research
- Write your representatives or reach out to them personally to encourage or steer them to take action in the best interests of our Veterans and their families
- Thank them for taking time to speak with you

Everyone is off to a good start with reporting. Keep up the great work. Please let me know if you are struggling. We will fight together to help our Veterans.

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Everyone enjoying the last few days of summer? Kids/grandkids are back in school.

I would like everyone to partner with your Americanism chair to review H.R. 3057, The National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum Act. Like many bills the House has not moved on this since April 2025, we need to give it a little kick start. The VFW supports this bill to preserve stories of prisoners of war and missing in action. How many of the more than 83,000 POW/MIA are from your area; take a look.

It seems early for November elections, however, absentee ballots should be received in September. Early voting begins October 24th. As we get closer to elections use this link <https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index> to find out what will be on your ballot. The VFW Auxiliary remains proudly nonpartisan and encourages members to participate in the democratic process without endorsing candidates or political parties.

September 17th is Constitution Day which reminds us of the freedoms we enjoy and the responsibilities we share as citizens.

September 18th is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Honor those who were prisoners of war and those who are missing in action. Remember their families who keep their memories alive.

Homework for September

- Contact at least one elected official regarding a veterans' issue
- Share legislative updates during your Auxiliary meeting
- Encourage members to sign up for legislative alerts
- Report all legislative activities promptly

As always, your voice matters—thank you for your commitment to advancing legislation that supports those who have served.

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