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*National Theme: Soaring Above & Beyond*

*Department Theme: Tell Our Story of Service*

The Legislative Program thanks each of you for undertaking this worthy mission as part of a tremendous force for good. Happily, each year our VFW Auxiliary provides a bevy of resources to inform us of legislative happenings. It also provides guidance to help promote the goals of our organization toward the betterment of veterans, their families, our troops, state, and nation via legislative action. Many have already visited the National VFW Auxiliary website's Legislative section, but for those unfamiliar, please visit: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/legislative/>

**VFW Priority Goals:** The 2021 VFW Priority Goals can be found at:  
<https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service>.

Brochure downloads available at: <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Advocacy/PriorityGoalsBrochure.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20210121T151925Z>

Please download, share, and promote!

**VFW Action Corps Weekly:** The National Auxiliary webpage includes, among other items, links for the *VFW Action Corps Weekly*, including:  
<https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts>. Those that have not signed up for the newsletter please do so and encourage your Auxiliary members to do so. The *Action Corps* is a terrific way to get up-to-date legislative information and to stay 'in the know;' Information is power.

You can even sign up a group of Auxiliary members at once. Just pass a sign-up sheet around at a meeting or put a sign-up sheet out at the Post, then email the whole list to the Dept. Aux. Legislative Chairperson/me via: [jsmith7148@aol.com](mailto:jsmith7148@aol.com) and will do it for you. Additionally, will collect such sign-up sheets at various Conferences throughout the year and will input for you. *Please* report how many members signed-up in your reports, as well. The *Action Corps* is such an important resource that it will be often mentioned in subsequent bulletins. Much like a favorite song, it is a sound message bears repeating.

**Legislative Education and Engagement:** New members may wonder, 'what does this mean?' It is both gaining insight and becoming more involved in the legislative process. This Legislative Program objective often is overlooked. However, there is great value in reaching out to our Auxiliary members to inform them. Moreover, reporting

communication with legislators regarding veterans' bills is also encouraged. This could be via a newspaper, social group, town halls, telephone calls, social media, and misc. regarding the legislative process. Let us strive to diligently 'Tell Our Story of Service' to help pass laws that help our veterans, servicemembers, and the families of all.

Please note, knowledge of our government and how bills become laws, leads to more effective advocating for VFW-supported objectives and by sharing our veteran-related insights corresponding with the VFW Priority Goals with others. The National Auxiliary website has information to help to inform and can be used as a training guide. Please see this link, which provides sound information for our members:

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Legislative-Guide-to-the-Legislative-Process.pdf>.

State of Michigan Legislators: [www.Michiganlegislature.org](http://www.Michiganlegislature.org)

Federal Legislators: U.S. Senators -- [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) U.S. Representatives -- [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

Federal Bill Tracking: When asked if you know 'what is going on with this US Senate or that US House of Reps. bill,' you can track a federal bill's progress via:

[www.thomas.gov](http://www.thomas.gov). You can also determine and report which bills are promoting our 2021 VFW Priority Goals as that is our focus.

→ **Please be sure to report each quarter.** PLEASE include details regarding how many contacts, how resources were used, *VFW Action Corps* sign-up, and misc., and/or any training of members regarding the legislative process. This does matter; thanks again for your efforts.

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