

# Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN May 2022

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*National Theme: Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care*

*Department Theme: Be the Anchor for Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe*

Welcome to the exciting 2022/2023 Year of Legislative Program!

I am excited to work with those taking on such an important program. We are extremely fortunate to have many tools at our disposal that our VFW Auxiliary provides to inform us of our goals and how to reach them. It also promotes how to better serve our Veterans and our Nation via Legislative Action. If you need some guidance, go to our Auxiliary website and look under Programs, click on “Legislative” and learn more about what we do in the VFW Auxiliary.

## 2022 VFW Priority Goals

This year our goals are grouped under six areas of importance.

1. Budget
2. Health Care
3. Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs
4. Education and Employment and Transition Assistance
5. Military Quality of Life
6. National Security, Foreign Affairs and POW/MIA

## VFW Action Corps Weekly

The VFW Action Corps Weekly is free and full of news about what’s going on in Washington DC and the Bills we are trying to pass on the floor. To subscribe visit the National website at [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org) and select “What We Do” then clicking on “Legislative.”

## Communication with Legislators

Contact your congressional leaders! Remember we have a voice in Washington for our Veterans and families. Communicate with legislators through social media, town halls, phone calls, emails, and newspapers. Your knowledge is the key to understand how our government works. That is how we can be more effective for advocating for our VFW supported programs. We can make a difference. The following websites will help you reach your legislators:

- ✓ State of Michigan legislators-[www.Michiganlegislator.org](http://www.Michiganlegislator.org)
- ✓ U.S Senators-[www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)
- ✓ U.S Representatives-[www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

Organizations like the VFW Auxiliary exist out of necessity. We need to let our elected leaders know that taking care of our Veterans is our honor but their RESPONSIBILITY. We can do this by focusing on three things:

1. Building relationships with political and civic organizations geared towards young adults
2. Ensuring that legislative activities are non-partisan
3. Being creative

Please Report each Quarter.

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