

# Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN August 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 August! Although it is hot and steamy this month, don't forget to vote in your primary. This month I would like each Auxiliary to focus on the Michigan primary on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have a lot of candidates vying for the office of Governor and Senators around our state and it's up to us to look up their records and see who votes for our veterans and pick the right person who will stand behind them. I would like to challenge my Auxiliaries to send me emails telling me how many members in their Auxiliary have voted in the primary, and I will give a prize to the Auxiliary who has the most votes.

The most important thing I have on the agenda this month is to call your Senators. The House had to go back and address the "Honoring our PACT Act" that the President was supposed to sign. They redid it and the House has passed it on to the Senate. We need you to contact your Senators to let them know that this bill needs to be passed. The "Honoring our PACT Act" is a bill which is very important to our veterans. This bill addresses health care, presumption of service-connection, research, resources, and other matters related to veterans who were exposed to toxic substances during military service. This is a huge bill for our veterans. If passed, it will allow medical help for those who served our country in the past. I have your Senators linked below. Please call your Senators and let them know this bill needs to be passed. Please, everyone report how many people have called their Senators. This is a very important bill for our veterans, and we must get it passed.

Be very careful when you report. Watching political functions is not considered part of our goals this year. Our Auxiliaries must actively participate by involving younger groups to encourage them to vote on legislation for our veterans. Volunteer at the polls. Things like this can be reported. Happy end of the summer and hopefully I will be hearing from you soon.

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

U.S. Representatives [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

Please be sure to Report Each Quarter. Please include details regarding how many contacts, how you used your resources, and any training of members regarding the legislative process. This does matter! Thank You!

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