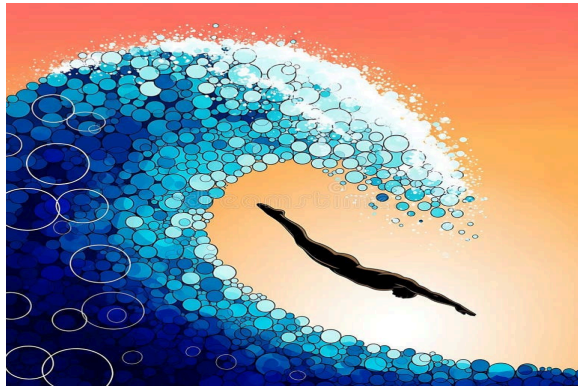


LEGISLATIVE 2026~2027

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Bulletin #1

Dive in to Legislative!! Greetings friends, this year and every year our goal is to focus on the



most important obstacles our veterans face each year, maintaining rights and benefits for serving our country. Being advocates for our veterans is paramount! With over 480,000 Auxiliary members, I think we have proven that our voices matter. This year and every year we fight to maintain health and wellness benefits and to maintain our proper, well-deserved, and earned status within our country and the

veteran community. Let's continue to be the most positive aspect of that. Each month we gather in our Auxiliary meetings and discuss and plan how we can further help to support what we believe. This year, I am urging all of us to dive in a little further. You can start small: write letters to your congressmen and women, your senators, your legislators and urge them to support the best bills for veterans and families. We have recently seen how veterans can be seen in a negative light nationally, as advocates, we must always remember to remain positive and focused. When you contact a representative of this state or your district, please remember you are representing the VFW Auxiliary and put your best foot forward. Malta gives some great examples of how to contact and represent the VFW Auxiliary so I urge everyone to utilize those resources.

I will also be providing links to sign up for Action Corps as well as other links.

<https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/vfw-action-corps-weekly>

You can subscribe to VFW Action Corps Weekly here:

<http://votervoice.net/VFW/register>

To identify your congressional representatives, visit the VFW website at: <https://votervoice.net/VFW/Address>

I have also provided the link to look up the representatives in your area! To follow the progress of a specific bill, please use: <https://www.congress.gov/>



The VFW Priority Goals do not change much each year so I will provide them for your benefit and to follow, they are:

- Budget
- Health Care
- Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs
- Education, Employment, and Transition Assistance
- Military Readiness
- National Security, Foreign Affairs, & POW/MIA

Most Legislators within our state like to hear from constituents, if you are able, please arrange a meeting at your post to meet with them and discuss any bill locally or nationally affecting veterans. Please have questions ready and be clear, cordial and concise and always remember that you are representing the VFW Auxiliary and not your own personal agenda. Don't forget to thank them and send a follow up "thank you" card.

This year I hope to see more Auxiliary members "Diving In" and getting to know the Legislative program a little more. Remember, it can be viewed as political but that is not the intent at our level nor what the Legislative program is about. We are merely advocating for all the GOOD legislation to remain in place for those who served without taking away anything else. Let's be the biggest voice from the state of Washington! Don't forget to use the links and the QR Code and **DIVE IN!!!**

God Bless,

Elizabeth Herrera

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