

Legislative Bulletin #2  
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Greetings and Welcome to Fall!!

I'd like to start with letting you know how our actions have impacted veterans. In 2022, we had 4 victories because of our hard work. They are Honoring Our PACT Act, Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas SERVICE Act, the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Location Act, and the UCMJ reform on sexual assault and harassment. If you haven't heard of these, please look them up. If you are interested in knowing what other legislative victories we've accomplished, you can go to the VFW site and look up legislative victories; it lists all of them from 1917 until today. We have also had many victories concerning women's health. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the VA health care system knows the importance of giving the best care to our women Veterans as well. Let's also remember that it is Agent Orange Awareness Month.

Now:

The first thing I'd like to discuss is voter registration. Schools are in session and now is the time to contact the civics teachers in your high schools and remind and encourage them to have students who are 16 and older register to vote. This year when we tabled at the Renton farmers market, I had the chance to meet a high school civics teacher, who was spending the afternoon with his daughter. It was exciting to hear that he would have all of their students who are eligible register online as soon as they were 16. We need to be doing the same.

Next - do you discuss the Action Corps Weekly at your meetings? Are you sharing current legislation? Did you know that currently there are 91 Bills in front of our Congress regarding Veterans? I am not going to list them all, but here are two.

HR 41: VA Same-day Scheduling Act of 2023

HR 234: Gerald's Law Act.

Please take a moment and look those up and discuss them at your next meeting.

If you have read this far, here is a challenge for you. Please send me a picture of yourself with either a voter application during a registration booth or a photo of you showing the printable version of the Action Corps weekly at a meeting or with members. A prize will be awarded at our Mid-Winter conference in Wenatchee. If you are present, you will get an EXTRA SURPRISE!!! So I hope to see many of you at Mid-Winter in Wenatchee.

Keep Doing For Those Who Can't!

Loyally,  
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