

LEGISLATIVE



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The main goal of this program is to improve the lives of our veterans, service members and their families through advocacy.

Working together, what can we do for the program? We want to have good relationships with our elected officials and understand their positions for certain legislation and their reasons for taking that position.

Always identify yourself when communicating with elected officials and candidates. Be brief, deliver a concise message, but always make sure your questions or statements are clearly understood.

Remember if the auxiliary is asked to endorse a candidate or elected official, politely explain that the Auxiliary does not permit such endorsements. Do not allow your Auxiliary to appear to endorse or support an individual candidate in local, state or federal elections. When conducting Auxiliary business, you must avoid displaying any partisan politics.

We must ensure that members realize that state legislation passed often impacts the veterans and service members of their home state and should be understood as well.

Encourage members to attend town hall meetings.

Ensure members know about the resources available to them in Malta Member Resources, which include:

- VFW Action Corp Weekly
- VFW Auxiliary Guide to Contacting Your Legislators
- VFW Auxiliary Guide to the Legislative Process
- VFW Legislative Priorities
- VFW Priority Goals
- VFW Fact Sheet

Encourage your Legislative Chairman to report at each meeting.

STATE-WIDE PROJECT:

Each auxiliary shall make a poster to encourage all to vote. It is the American thing to do!
Bring these posters to mid-winter for judging!