

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM



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You may ask why our Legislative Program is so important? Having a Legislative Program can be viable to our Veterans and their families. When we are kept up-to-date and stay informed on all issues and pending bills relating to Veterans, their dependents, active-duty military, and national security, we share our view with legislators regarding such legislation. By being informed and knowledgeable, we can help hold them accountable to honor America's promises to Veterans.

Legislation rights are the reasons why the VFW and Auxiliary were formed. We should be encouraged and motivated to take on the responsibility, as members of the VFW Auxiliary, to educate our communities, and elected officials, and to voice our opinions about the importance of the VFW Priority Goals, VFW Action Corps Weekly, and Legislative Involvement. Our Veterans deserve our wholehearted support! They have fought for our right to have the freedom to express our opinions and to cast our vote.

VFW Priority Goals

Study the issues laid out clearly in the VFW Priority Goals. They are released annually, so check the VFW website (vfw.org). They also can be found on the Auxiliary website (vfwauxiliary.org) at MALTA-Member Resources-Legislative-VFW Legislative Resources. Publicize the VFW Priority Goals in your Post, Auxiliary and your community:

- Budget
- Health Care
- Disability Assistance

- Memorial Affairs
- Education
- Employment and Transition Assistance
- Military Quality Of Life
- National Security
- Foreign Affairs
- POW/MIA

VFW Action Corps Weekly

It contains news about what’s happening on Capitol Hill with Veterans’ issues and with our national security. Encourage Auxiliary members to sign up at vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/vfw-action-corps-weekly to receive legislative alerts. Take action! Get involved by attending your local town hall meetings. Contact your State and Federal legislative and community officials about issues affecting Veterans. We must stay informed to ensure that every piece of legislation affecting our Veterans gets the attention it deserves. Subscribe to the Action Corps Weekly and continue to contact your local officials by email, phone, fax, letter and in person. Be sure and keep a record of all activities and contacts.

DO NOT endorse any candidate on behalf of the VFW Auxiliary - we must remain neutral.
DO NOT wear any VFW Auxiliary attire when campaigning for a candidate.

For additional legislative information regarding the VFW, view the VFW Fact Sheet in MALTA-Member Resources-Legislative-VFW Legislative Resources.

To contact the D.C. office by Mail:	200 Maryland Ave., N.E. Washington D.C. 20002
Phone:	202-543-2239
Website:	vfw.org/advocacy

STATEWIDE PROJECT

Create an activity and /or event collaborating with the VFW Post connecting members with local lawmakers.

AWARDS

1st place Plaque for the Most Outstanding activity and/or event collaborating with the VFW Post, connecting members with local lawmakers. Citation to 2nd & 3rd, in each membership division.

Entry form is required and available on MALTA-Member Resources-Legislative-Award Forms. VFW Auxiliary must send the required entry form to their Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2025, for judging. The Department Legislative Chairman must sign and send copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to the National Legislative Ambassador by April 30th, 2025, for judging.

**“Thankful & Grateful for the Sacrifice”
“From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans”**

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MID-YEAR / YEAR- END REPORT

Mid-Year Report: Must be received by District President by *December 10, 2024*.

Year-End Report: Must be received by District President by *April 10, 2025*.

District President forwards to Department Chairman by December 20 and April 20 respectively.

1. How many members did you sign up for Action Corp Weekly? _____
2. Number of Auxiliaries that promoted, participated and/or hosted or co-hosted regarding the VFW Priority Goals, with or without your Post? _____
3. Number of contacts made promoting VFW Priory Goals? _____
4. Number of Auxiliary members who attended events where they could interact with legislators? (example: Legislative conferences, town halls, meet and greets. Etc.) _____

Auxiliary Chairman: _____

Auxiliary Number: _____ District: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____