

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM 2022-2023

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The United States is a representative democracy, established by the U.S. Constitution. We do not govern directly; we elect representatives.

Since this country was founded, elected officials have made promises to our Veterans, our Military, and their (our) Families. The VFW Auxiliary's Legislative Program works to make sure current elected officials remember it is their responsibility to keep those promises.

As members of the VFW Auxiliary, through our Legislative Program we work to preserve and protect the benefits promised to our Veterans, our Military, and our Families. They depend on us. We cannot fail them.

GOALS OF OUR LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM:

BE AN ADVOCATE

BE INFORMED

BE ENGAGED

We need to be informed and engaged to be effective advocates. If we are not effective, we will fail those who rely on us. Ways of being engaged include joining with other groups, like young adult voters (e.g., ROTC students), and contacting legislators and chief executives. When you are engaged with others, explain our issues and ask for their help. Work with them to make them advocates as well. Our Veterans, our Military, and our Families deserve we be effective advocates.

Here are some tools:

VFW PRIORITY GOALS:

Each year the VFW establishes its priorities and publishes them in the VFW Priority Goals brochure. See the VFW website, www.vfw.org ([PriorityGoalsBrochure.pdf \(azureedge.net\)](#)). Be informed by studying the Goals. Copies will be available at the School of Instruction.

VFW ACTION CORPS WEEKLY:

Stay abreast of current issues by subscribing to the VFW electronic newsletter (e-newsletter), the VFW Action Corps Weekly, which is free for everyone who registers at <https://votervoice.net/VFW/register>.

PARTNERING AND/OR COMMUNICATING *(Entry Form Required):*

Engage and partner with your VFW Post and other organizations to promote the issues affecting our Veterans, our Military, and our Families. The more people advocating for our Veterans, the better.



ADVOCATE
FOR VETERANS

Advocating for our Veterans, our Military, and our Families is a job we can successfully achieve when we work together in our Legislative Program.

AS WE CELEBRATE THEIR SERVICE DURING THIS 2022 -2023 YEAR, LET'S MAKE IT OUR BEST YEAR OF UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES®. Our heroes deserve our best.

AWARDS AT DEPARTMENT CONVENTION:

1. \$50 to the first place Auxiliary **submitting an entry form by March 31, 2023**, to me detailing how they have maintained a consistent partnership and/or communication with young adult civic and/or political groups in our Legislative Program efforts.
2. Awards to Auxiliaries by Membership Division for best overall participation in and reporting for our 2022 – 2023 Legislative Program:
 - 1st Place - \$50
 - 2nd Place - \$25