

“It’s Time to Honor Our Veterans” / “Patriotism Begins at Home”

LEGISLATIVE

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PROGRAM GOALS

VFW Priority Goals

VFW Washington Weekly

Your efforts along with the other 2 million VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members can be powerful and say a lot about how the Legislative Program Our voices, letters and personal contacts with all Legislators and their staff to effectively benefit the Veterans that are our top priority. Auxiliary members are the grass roots; this means that we have to have strong roots.

Our goals for the Legislative program are simple and yet many find it difficult. It’s not! You have strong opinions about how our Veterans are treated. To make this program work all you have to do is keep yourself informed and then make your voice heard.

The time to act is now; sign up to receive the Washington Weekly at (www.vfw.org/fww-in-dc/action-corp) and the Checkpoint Newsletter at (www.vfw.org/news-and-events/checkpoint). The after reading these publication you will be armed and ready.

Encourage Veterans to register with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Encourage everyone to register to Vote. Invite Service Officers to Community Events, Host Town Hall Meetings and invite the public. If you need assistance contact the VFW Washington DC office for pointer and talking points. Who will get this job done, YOU! You must become the go-to-person. Know the legislation, the bill numbers, the issues and keep pushing. Know your legislators and their position with the VFW. Pick something you are passionate about and share your personal story with members and legislators.

Selection: Outstanding Performance Award

The Department Chairman will select the recipients. **You must have reported a minimum of twice during the year.**

Criteria for selection:

40 Points Maximum ~ Development of overall program (creativity, presentation following Chairman’s emphasis.

30 Points Maximum ~ Quality of promotional material (newsletters, publicity, leaflets)

30 Points Maximum ~ Preparation by Chairman (legibly and clearly documented on report form)

Outstanding Performance Award, “It’s Time to Honor Our Veterans” award, in each Membership Group, for the Auxiliary with the most effective promotion based on participation quality of material and timeliness of report.

Citation to runner-up

1. Citation in each Membership Group for the best promotion of VFW Priority Goals.
2. Citation in each Membership Group for the best program encouraging members to communicate with legislators on veterans' issues
3. Citation in each Membership Group for the best promotion of encouraging members to sign up for Checkpoint and Washington Weekly
4. Citation in each membership group for the best promotion of education and training of Members and Legislators on Veterans Issues.
5. Citation to the Department Chairman achieving 100% participation.

Legislative

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Aux. # _____ District # _____ City _____

Chairman’s Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Report Deadlines November 15, 2014 and APRIL 15, 2015 Date of this report: _____

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1. How did your Auxiliary promote the VFW Priority Goals?? _____

2. Describe how you encouraged members to communicate with legislators on veterans' issues: _____

3. How many of your members signed up for Checkpoint Newsletter? _____

4. How many of your members signed up for VFW Washington Weekly? _____

5. How did your Auxiliary communicate pending legislation and special legislative alerts? _____

6. Number of contacts made by members personally/written to legislators on veterans' issues:

a. ** Personal Contact: _____ b. E-Mails: _____ c. Faxes: _____

d. Letters: _____ e. Phone Calls: _____

**May include the following; "Meet the Candidate" forum, town/city or county council meetings, state legislative or national congressional sessions, and legislative/congressional field trips.

7. Please explain why you feel your Auxiliary had the best overall promotion of the Legislative program. What is the best project? (Please use additional paper) _____

Total Projects For this report	Number of Members Participating	Total Hours Worked	Total Number of Miles	Total Value or Dollars Spent

