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VFW Auxiliary members are instrumental in assisting the VFW pass or block legislation that impacts veterans and their families. Each year, members contact legislators to share our views regarding such legislation with them and invite them to share their positions on veterans' issues; we hold legislators accountable for honoring America's promises to our nation's veterans. **VOTE: We need to use our voices and our votes as a weapon against injustice against our Veterans!**

**VFW Fall Legislative Conference:** The VFW National Legislative Committee members met with senators, representatives and staffers in Washington, D.C., to discuss **VFW legislative priorities**. Specific focus was on community care reform, exploring alternative post-traumatic stress disorder treatments, concurrent receipt and transition from service. The VFW will stand firm to ensure that Congress honors the contract with our service members by safeguarding the benefits earned by those who served our nation.

**H.R. 1845:** This bill requires that pre-separation counseling under the Transition Assistance Program include a presentation that promotes the benefits available to veterans from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The bill also requires the VA to annually report on the presentation to (1) identify veterans service organizations that participate, (2) provide the number of members of the Armed Forces who attend, and (3) provide any recommendations for changes to the presentation.

Take Action: Responding to Action Alerts is simple. To identify the correct members of the House and Senate for your area, access the [VFW Action Center](#), follow the directions and a list of both Federal and State Officials will be provided. You can easily fire off three emails (one to your Representative, and one to each of your Senators) in less than thirty seconds. Take the time to let your elected officials know how you feel and promote the best interests of veterans everywhere. These can be boiled down into three categories so you don't have to remember the gritty details. The things that count are: Sign up Action Corps Weekly. Contact with Legislators, and Legislative event participation.

Make a point to report! Every Action Corps sign up, every contact made with a legislator, every legislative event, **report, report, report!**

**AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES:** Most outstanding activity and/or event to create thank you notes and cards to Veterans that include links to VFW Action Corps Weekly and/or the VFW Priority Goals.

Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 program divisions. Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources. The form must be sent to the Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2026, for judging.

As, always, thank you for walking the **"Yellow Brick Road"** for our Veterans, so we can **"Be the reason a Veteran smiles today"**, as we continue **"Lighting the way between Veterans' families and legislators with a wave of GRATITUDE"!!**

**Have a safe and happy holiday season!!**

