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“Lighting the way between Veterans’ families and Legislators with a wave of gratitude”. This is our National Ambassador Amy Jo Lett’s theme this year. How fitting it is!

In order to show our gratitude, we can make phone calls, write letters and respond to the Action Corps Weekly. Be a prepared, passionate patriot with a “gratitude attitude”. This is just one way of saying Thank You.

Conduct an “Action Corps Sign Up Drive” at your Post home or when you conduct a membership drive. The simple sign-up sheet is available on the Resources page of the website. Remember those who wish to participate in Action Corps Weekly do not need to be VFW or Auxiliary Members.

Consider gathering with other patriots and make those calls together. We are here to be advocates for our Veterans and Active Duty Military. Use this time to hold a Veteran Advocacy training workshop. This would include, but is not limited to, talking to legislators, reaching out, setting up meetings, giving tips on what to say and what not to say (like endorsing candidates), and learning to answer tough questions while keeping the focus on the VFW Goals.

While it is imperative that we continue to monitor pending legislation in Congress, we must not forget that local government and laws also impact the quality of life for our veterans. The two go together and support for veterans’ rights begins locally. By establishing strong connections with our VFW and elected officials, we are demonstrating our commitment to the legislative progress.

It is very important to work with our home Post on supporting legislative initiatives. Often both organizations are doing similar projects that could be more effective if they collaborated together. We can share ideas and information about local programs and projects that support the VFW Priority Goals. We can collaborate on letter-writing to lawmakers, assist members with voting and distribute/post information on pending legislation, just to name a few.

REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!! Selection for the Awards come from these reports.

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”

