Legislative General Orders March & April 2022

Happy Spring and Happy Easter!!!! This year has just blown by, I still don't feel like I have accomplished anything.

By now, you should have a list of programs, projects that your auxiliary has done for the Legislative Department. The reason why I say that is because the "Year End Reports" are due in April. I am really looking forward to seeing what everyone has done this year in Legislation. I hope that you have been busy getting your members in your auxiliary signed up for the Action Corps. You can download and print off the forms for the members to sign up on. Have you visited with your State Representative and or your State Senator about bills that affect the Veterans we support?

Make sure you download the VFW Priority Goals Brochure for 2022. It tells you the different issues that affect our Veterans (Budget, Disability and Memorial Affairs, Education, Employment, and Transition Assistance, Health Care, Military Quality of Life, and National Security, Foreign Affairs and POW/MIA. These are all an important part of our Veterans lives. Print off several and have them at a booth that your Auxiliary may have at an event.

The VFW and VFW Action Corps has done it again! HR 1836 the Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2021 has passed the House, and National Guard and Reserve members are one step closer to receiving the education benefits they deserve for their time in service. This bill would expand the types if duty for National Guard and Reserve members to earn eligibility toward the Post-9/11 GI Bill and ensure their increasingly frequent activations count as time toward this education benefit, regardless of the length of time of the activation, Now this bill is headed to the Senate.

While I am talking to you about Legislation. Don't forget that if you have someone in your auxiliary that would like to step up and take on a chairmanship in your auxiliary, please encourage them. The more help we get from our membership, the bigger and better we as an Auxiliary will be. Just a reminder, there is to be no, "No's" or blanks left on your Year End Report, especially if you are wanting to win an Award for this year at the State Convention. Please print a copy of the Legislative Yearend Report from the Programs Section of the Website vfwauxmo.org under Legislative. DEADLINE APRIL 15!

Thank You, Bryan P Bradford Department of MO Legislative Chairman bryan\_bradford2003@yahoo.com