Program Book	Bottom Line Up Front (BLUF) Bulletin Department of MO Legislative 2024-2025 Program Book	Monica R Schroeder 6617 Hwy P Westphalia MO 65085 moaux8045@gmail.com 573.680.5738

Importance of Today's Legislative Program

It is considered the Legislative Program to be the root of all other VFW Auxiliary Programs and initiatives. After all, legislative rights are the reason the VFW and Auxiliary were formed. And the VFW Legislative Priority Goals, which are released annually, provide the framework for all VFW work on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. All VFW Auxiliary Programs support and relate to the Priority Goals in one way or another. If we understand the importance of the Legislative Program, then our efforts to advocate for our veterans become that much more effective and our voices will be heard!

Goals

- Budget
- Health Care
- Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs
- Education, Employment and Transition Assistance
- Military Quality of Life
- National Security, Foreign Affairs and POW/MIA

Must Do's

- Bridging the Gap and show a united VFW and Auxiliary
- Get involved with Military Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO)
- Know the Priority Goals
- Use the Action Alerts
- Communicate with elected officials and identify yourself as VFW Auxiliary
- Share Legislative resources with members and communities
- Host register to vote events

Objectives of Legislative Program

- Improve the lives of our veterans, service members and their families.
- Study the issues of the VFW Priority Goals
- Call needed attention to crises such as homelessness and suicide.

Auxiliary Legislative Guidelines

In all Auxiliary political activities, we must remain neutral. Legislative activity is different from political activity. We support bills, not people or political parties. No Auxiliary space, which includes websites and social media accounts, should show favoritism towards any candidate, party or issues not endorsed by the VFW.

Legislative Chairman

Present a report at each meeting. Give a brief description of current priority legislation that will affect our veterans, service members and their families. Report on the status of bills.

The Missouri Building Bridges Awards:

- First place $20 and a citation goes to one Auxiliary in each of the four Program Divisions.
- Second place: A citation goes to one Auxiliary in each of the four Program Divisions.

Judging will be based on reports submitted throughout the year; winners will be announced, and awards presented at the 2025 Department Convention.

National Awards for Auxiliaries

🐜   Most outstanding activity and/or event collaborating the VFW Post connecting members with local lawmakers.

🐜   Citation and $25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions with most outstanding activity and/or event that collaborated with the VFW Post connecting members with local lawmakers.

Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources at
https://vfwauxiliary.org/resources
Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2025 for judging. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.

Citations will be mailed directly to winning VFW Auxiliary from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary accounts after the National Convention.

Action Corps
Sign up for Action Corps so you stay current on key legislation.
    Text "VFW" to 50457
    Visit website:
https:/votervoice.net/VFW/Register

Scan the QR Code

Legislative Resources

VFW Website: www.vfw.org
MO VFW Auxiliary Website: www.vfwauxmo.org
VFW Legislative Priorities:
https://www.vfw.org/legislativepriorities
VFW Legislative Priorities including VFW 2024 Priority Goals:
https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service
VFW Action Corps Weekly:
https://www.vfw.org/actioncorpsweekly
All Federal Bills Currently Supported by VFW:
https://ssl.capwiz.com/vfw/issues/bills/
Federal Bills: https://www.congress.gov
US Senators: www.senate.gov
US Representatives: www.house.gov
MO Senators:
https://www.senate.mo.gov/Senators/Index
MO Representatives: https://house.mo.gov
MAVO Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064617375512

"Helping Our Veterans by Bridging the Gap"
"From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans"