

Legislative

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****Be an Advocate – Be Informed – Be Engaged - Let's Get out and Vote ****

Why should you be involved, informed, engaged and an Advocate for Legislative issues in the VFW Auxiliary? I have two words for you - "Our Veterans." Did you know that when we become advocates, we are able to help our veterans with issues like Health Care, Education, Employment and Disability Assistance just to name a few. Our involvement helps these issues get resolution for those who sacrificed their time and lives for us and what a great way to show them how much we appreciate them and their families for the sacrifices that they made.

We can do this by using the resources that we have available on the VFW website. Let's teach our fellow Auxiliary members so we can all join together and show Washington that veteran's matter and need to be listened to - not put in the corner to collect dust like a broken toy. We can do this together!

Fun Fact: In this Election Year there are 435 Contested Seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and 34 out of 100 Seats in the U.S. Senate, plus the grandest office of all President of the United States.

This is our chance to Promote and Vote for Candidates and re-elect Legislators who will support our veterans and their families. Now is a good time to encourage others to stand up and vote for those who will support veterans and families. They supported us in our time of need; now let's support them in theirs.

The following awards will be given for participation on Legislative Issues:

AUXILIARY AWARDS:

For Item 1 and 2 on Year End Report: VFW Priority Goals and Communication:

1. \$30.00 and Citation to the Auxiliary that participates the most in Goals and in Communications listed.
 - a. \$5.00 and a Citation for the Auxiliary in 2nd place.
 - b. A Citation for the Auxiliary in 3rd place.

For First Time members of Check Point and Washington Weekly Newsletter:

2. \$10.00 and Citation to the Auxiliary with the most first-time members to sign up.
 - a. \$5.00 and a Citation for the Auxiliary in 2nd place.
 - b. A Citation for the Auxiliary in 3rd place.

For The Auxiliary who sends in how they engage and train members:

3. \$10.00 and Citation to the Auxiliary who sends in proof that the Chairman had training for members on how to use the VFW site to view Legislative Actions and send letters. (Forms will be available)

| District Legislative Chairmen | |
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2020-2021 YEAR END REPORTS
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MUST be postmarked by April 1, 2021

Date Received _____ Date Postmarked _____

Membership Group (circle) A: 10-42 B: 43-92 C: 93-plus

Auxiliary Name: _____ Number: _____

City: _____ District: _____

Membership as of 6/30/2020: _____

Chairman Signature _____

President Signature _____

Did your Auxiliary Promote the Following VFW Priority Goals:

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| a. Read Legislative General Orders at Each Meeting. | Y/N |
| b. Contact Congress on Budgets for VA and Veterans. | Y/N |
| c. Contact Representatives or Congressmen on Work Force Development and Accountability. | Y/N |
| d. Contact Representatives or Congressmen on Compensation and Benefits for our Veterans. | Y/N |
| e. Contact Representatives or Congressmen on Healthcare. | Y/N |
| f. Contact Legislature on Education, Employment, and Transition Assistance. | Y/N |
| g. Contact Legislature on Defense/Homeland Security. | Y/N |
| h. Contact Legislature on Military Quality of Life Issues. | Y/N |
| i. Contact Legislature on POW/MIA Issues. | Y/N |
| j. Contact Legislature on the Importance of Healthcare Reform for Women Veterans. | Y/N |

When completing this portion, please use a numerical amount and not an X or a Check Mark.

2. Fill in the Number Amount for the Following Items Below:

A. Number of Phone Calls: _____

B. Number of Emails Sent: _____

C. Number of Letters Sent: _____

D. Number of Personal Contacts: _____

E. Number of Faxes Sent: _____

3. How many members signed up for the first time to receive the Checkpoint Newsletter and Washington Weekly? _____

4. Please send in documentation on how your Chairman trained Auxiliary members about the Legislative Process. Documentation required. (Forms will be available)

5. What are the different ways that you have communicated pending Legislation and Special Legislative Alerts to your Auxiliary members?

Please note that if you mark an X or Checkmark instead of Numbers then you will be disqualified from that portion. Please be sure to make sure that your Auxiliary name and number are on the form so that I am able to give you the credit that your Auxiliary deserves.