

November Legislative Program Newsletter

Madeline "Maddie" Cunningham-Colston, Chairman

Hello, VFW Auxiliary!

If your Membership drives are recruiting new members, you may have some new faces sitting in your meetings who don't know just how valuable they are. Let's ensure that our new members understand how just being included in our membership helps our Legislative Analysts in the VFW Washington office to advocate on Capitol Hill. Having more members directly translates into increased opportunities to interact with members of both Congressional houses, and gives us a greater voice in urging Congressional members to support meaningful changes in veterans' benefits and entitlements. When we tell our elected officials about our concerns for veterans and the military through our letters, e-mails, calls, visits, faxes, etc., we give them the guidance they need to take legislative and budgetary actions to protect the health care, educational, and other support benefits earned by those put on the uniform and took up arms in service to protect us.

➤ Project idea:

print out a copy of the "**VFW Priority Goals**" to have on hand when initiating new members, so that they receive a copy right along with their new membership pins and podium books. Include a copy of the "Legislative Recipe Card" so they can receive the "**VFW Action Corps Weekly**"

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FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

Ingredients

- 90 seconds of your time
- A smart phone, a tablet, a laptop or a desktop computer



Recipe to Receive VFW Action Corps Weekly



Instructions

1. On your smart phone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer, go to www.vfw.org.
2. Go to the "Advocacy" tab in the black bar at the top of the page.
3. Below the "Advocacy" tab, click on "Grassroots Efforts" tab in the grey bar. You will be taken to the "Grassroots Efforts" page.
4. Click on the "Action Corps Sign Up Today" graphic on the right side of the screen OR the "Join the VFW Action Corps today" blue text on the left side of the screen.
5. Fill out the form on your screen.
6. Click on "Submit" and then click on "Continue."

You will now begin receiving VFW Action Corps Weekly in your inbox every week!

Need assistance? Contact VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at 816.561.8655.

This will help your new members learn more about what we're doing, and how to participate, so that they gain a greater appreciation of the value of their membership and involvement.

This is the month of the mid-term elections: did the candidates who support our cause win in your local area? Regardless of who won, this is the time to start preparing your members to be able to effectively advocate for veterans when legislative opportunities arise.

Cordially,

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Program Goals:

➤ VFW Priority Goals

➤ Local Legislative Involvement

➤ VFW Action Corps Weekly

➤ Student Education and Engagement