



LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT

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VFW Auxiliary Family-One Team, One Heartbeat 2022-2023

It has been an honor to serve you as your Legislative Chairman for this 2022-2023 year. We have accomplished much for our Nation and our Veterans this year. The November election resulted in our new congress having 97 veterans representing 36 states. This is an increase of 5 over the last congress and the most single increase since 1960, and the most members with military experience since 2015.

The Auxiliary was very instrumental in getting the “Pact Act” passed with our Legislators offices being flooded with responses to our “Action Alert” email campaign. Congratulations to you for this huge accomplishment!! In the State of California, we are coordinating with our Department VFW Legislative Chairman on future interests for our Veterans and their Families here in our home State. These come out as emails to disperse to your District Legislative Chairmen and on down to your Auxiliary Chairman to contact your State Legislators for action to be taken on legislative issues in this State to benefit our California Veterans and their Families.

Thank you all for your reporting on Members Voting in the November Election and all the members responding to Action Alerts and signing up for Action Corps Weekly and all the other reports submitted this year.

It is that time in the Auxiliary’s reporting year to tally up some numbers that National has requested about Legislative activities going on in our Department. We sent out this list last month and need your assistance to ensure that we relay to National a full, robust set of answers to these questions: District Chairmen and Presidents: Please send your responses for each District by **April 25**: This was given out the CofA in April to all District Presidents.

- 1) Number of Auxiliaries that utilized any of the Legislative Material/Resources available on the National VFW website?
- 2) Number of Auxiliaries members who are subscribed to VFW's Action Corps Weekly E-Newsletter?
- 3) Number of Auxiliaries that that promoted, participated in and/or hosted activities regarding the VFW Priority Goals?
- 4) Number of Auxiliaries that promoted, participated, or co-hosted with their VFW Post, activities regarding the VFW Priority Goals?
- 5) Number of Auxiliary Members who contacted their legislators on veterans issues by any means. (ex: phone, email, letters, ect)
- 6) Number of Auxiliary members who attended events where they could interact with legislators (ex: town halls, meet and greets, etc)

You are being an Advocate, You are being Informed, You are being Engaged.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans and their Families.

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VFW Auxiliary Life Member

"Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes"

Action Corps Weekly Sign up page:

<http://capwiz.com/vfw/mlm/signup.htm>

VFW National Auxiliary: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/>

VFW CA Auxiliary: <http://vfwauxca.org/>