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Hello, all you Legislative lads and ladies! I'm Bobbie Goldman and I'm the National Legislative Ambassador for the 2022-2023 Program Year. I'm excited about the year ahead and I think we'll have fun and accomplish a lot.

My home Post is Yingling-Ridgely Auxiliary 7472 in Ellicott City, Maryland. It's about 38 miles from Washington DC. I started going to the Auxiliary because the grounds are so pretty and tranquil. I would

go there with my children to play or by myself with a good book. One day the bartender said hello while bringing the trash out and talked me into attending a meeting and I've been going since then. I became Auxiliary President in 2018. I have also served as District Historian, and Department Legislative Chairman.

I qualified under my father who was in the Navy from 1953 - 1971. He retired when I was four years old so I didn't live the life of a military child, but I still know how hard it can be.

I became interested in current affairs and politics because my parents subscribed to the Baltimore Sun newspaper and read it every day. Seeing them spend their valuable time staying informed showed me how important it is.

I have been married for 24 years and have two sons who at 19 and 21, are starting to explore adulthood. I hope that my work with the Auxiliary makes them proud and inspires them to make a difference in their own way. I also have two dogs, two ferrets and a bearded dragon. In my free time, I like to indulge my imagination with books, tv shows and games that involve wizards, dragons, and epic quests. I also love to be in nature.

I was shocked and flattered when National President Jane Reape asked me to serve as National Legislative Ambassador. It's an opportunity to make practical, meaningful, long-lasting change that will improve the quality of life for America's military families for decades to come. Our work, our time, our passion will be signed into law by the President and will stand long after we have gone to our reward.

The Honoring Our PACT Act is a good example. It was passed by the House several months ago and by the Senate on June 16. There is one more step before it reaches the President's

desk but getting is through both houses of congress is a huge victory. Every one of you who told their elected representative to support the PACT Act should feel really good about your contribution in getting this landmark legislation one step closer to becoming a law.

This is a good time thank or scold your senators for how they voted. If your senator is below, they voted **NO** and I hope you tell them in no uncertain terms that you are unhappy with their vote. Be sure to identify yourselves as constituents and Officers of one of the country's oldest Veteran Service Organizations (VSO). They need to know that ours is an organization they shouldn't displease.

Burr (R-NC)
Crapo (R-ID)
Lankford (R-OK)
Lee (R-UT)
Lummis (R-WY)

Paul (R-KY)
Risch (R-ID)
Romney (R-UT)
Rounds (R-SD)
Shelby (R-AL)

Thune (R-SD)
Tillis (R-NC)
Toomey (R-PA)
Tuberville (R-AL)



To find out how your congressperson voted, go to <https://clerk.house.gov/Votes/202257>. Everyone else can thank your senators and congressmen while letting them know that you are keeping a close eye on future votes that effect veterans.

Thanking you in advance for everything that I know you will accomplish.