

Legislative Program  
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I am happy to report the November election resulted with 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 VFW Department of California is supporting Assembly Bill 46 and has submitted a position letter to the Committee in support of it. This Bill has to do with a tax exemption for the 146,000 retired Military in our State. California is the only state that doesn't provide some type of exemption. This bill has gained wide support with an unprecedented 30 co-authors/Assemblymembers. **CALL TO ACTION:** Department is asking us, as constituents, each to have a conversation and/or write a letter to your state Assemblymember seeking their support of this bill. Please get the word out to your Auxiliaries. Don't forget to send me a report on it too.

**AWARDS**

1. Citation to every Auxiliary that maintains a consistent partnership and/or communication with young adult civic and/or political groups. Please have your entries to me by March 31, 2023 at LegislativeDes@yahoo.com

2. Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding consistent partnership and/or communication with young adult civic and/or political groups. Winners will be announced, and awards presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona

Due to continued difficulties with a lot of political school clubs and civic organizations are still not meeting in person due to Covid-19. I have not received activities with young adult civic and/or political groups. So if you have any, please get them in as soon as possible.

3. There will be awards for the Outstanding District Chairman and Outstanding Auxiliary Chairman. All awards will be based on the best promotion of the Legislative Program, using the criteria set forth by the National Legislative Ambassador Bobby Goldman.

1. How did your Auxiliary/District promote the VFW Priority Goals?
2. How did you educate youth on the legislative process?
3. How did your Auxiliary/District encourage members to communicate with legislators on veterans' issues?
4. How many members signed up for the Action Corps Weekly?
5. How did your Auxiliary/District communicate pending legislations and special legislative alerts?
6. How did you use the tools outlined in the "Guide to Contacting Your Legislators"?

Please have your entries show the above accomplishments in their entry.

In Service,  
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