

April Legislative Program Newsletter

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Hello, Sisters and Brothers of California!

Finish Strong! We know there are lots of things our members have done and NOT reported! We need to fix that! We are two weeks away from the end of this year's reporting period, but you all still have time to report your activities. These might include:

Elections:

- How many members in your Auxiliary voted in California's primary election? (Everyone ought to be able to file at least this Legislative Program report.)
- Were you a poll worker?
- Did you help transport someone else to the polls to vote?
- Did you transport someone else's ballot to polling place or Post Office?
- Did you help voter registration drives?

Advocacy for Veterans Issues:

- Did you and/or your Auxiliary members write/email/call your elected officials regarding any veteran-related legislation?
- Do you receive the "**VFW Action Corps Weekly**?" (Indicated how many members...)
- Did you attend any local community/town/county council meeting to learn about what is being done for veterans in your community?
- Did you send a copy of the **2024 VFW Priority Goals** to any of your legislators?
- Did your Auxiliary hold/sponsor a meeting to educate the community on veteran legislative issues?
- Did your Auxiliary host/sponsor a community forum for candidates/officials to talk about veterans' issues and concerns?
- Did you hold a mini-School of Instruction in your Auxiliary meeting to talk about the process of getting a bill drafted, approved and signed into law?

These are not the only reportables, but this list should get you going...the Legislative Program provides opportunities for us to help make lasting improvements in the welfare of veterans, active service members and their families. Let's do this!

Cordially,

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