

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

NOVEMBER PROMOTION

Dear VFW Auxiliary Members,

As we enter the month of November, I want to take a moment to remind all of us of a critical responsibility that we bear—not only as members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary but as citizens who stand in service to the very men and women who have fought for our freedoms: **our duty to vote.**

Our veterans gave everything so we could enjoy the freedoms we often take for granted, and it is our responsibility to ensure that their sacrifices are honored through our active participation in the democratic process. Every election matters and every vote counts. This is our chance to make our voices heard on the issues that matter most to veterans, their families, and our communities.

In this packet, you will find tools to help you engage with your legislators and understand the legislative process more clearly. I've also included the **"I Vote in Honor of a Veteran"** sticker—a simple yet powerful reminder of why we vote and for whom we vote. Wear it proudly to honor a veteran, and let it inspire you to ensure that their legacy lives on through your active involvement.

As VFW Auxiliary members, we have the opportunity to shape the future of veterans' advocacy, but we must first ensure that our voices are heard at the ballot box. This year, I encourage each of you to not only vote but to be an advocate for others to vote as well—whether through sharing the importance of voting with fellow Auxiliary members, friends, or family. The issues we support are too important to leave to chance, and our votes can make a profound impact on the policies that affect veterans, military families, and our communities as a whole.

Additionally, in this packet, you will find the **National Legislative Program Awards form.** I encourage you to take a moment to see what the National organization will be giving awards on at the end of the year. Filling out this award form at the end of the year will help us receive recognition and give rewards to those who go above and beyond in legislative advocacy.

Let us remember that voting is more than just a civic duty—it is a powerful act of honor. We vote in honor of those who have served, and we do so with pride, determination, and the knowledge that our actions make a difference.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our veterans and for your commitment to making sure their voices are heard.

Together, let's make every vote count.

Sincerely,
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