

## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM SEPTEMBER PROMOTION

As we move into September, it's time to spotlight some exciting opportunities for our Auxiliaries to make a significant impact while gaining national recognition. This month, our focus is on the National Legislative Awards, which celebrate outstanding collaborations between VFW Posts and Auxiliaries. These awards not only highlight the exceptional work done across the country but also offer a chance for our members to shine and be rewarded for their efforts.

### National Legislative Awards for Auxiliaries

#### 1. Most Outstanding Activity/Event Collaboration Award

This award recognizes the VFW Auxiliary that hosts the most outstanding activity or event in collaboration with their local VFW Post, with a focus on connecting members with local lawmakers. It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase the hard work and dedication of your Auxiliary in strengthening ties with our legislators and advocating for veteran-related issues.

#### Award Details:

- **Citation and \$25 Prize:** One VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions will receive a Citation and a \$25 prize.
- **Recognition:** Citations will be mailed directly to the winning Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
- **Prize Disbursement:** The \$25 prize will be deposited into the winning Auxiliary's account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

#### Entry Instructions:

- **Submission Deadline:** Completed entry forms must be sent to the Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2025.
- **Judging Criteria:** The entries will be judged based on the outstanding nature of the activity/event and the effectiveness in connecting members with local lawmakers.

#### Why Participate?

Participating in this award program not only brings recognition and financial rewards to your Auxiliary but also demonstrates your commitment to advocacy and community engagement. This is a wonderful chance to highlight your Auxiliary's efforts and build

stronger relationships with local legislators, ultimately benefiting our veterans and their families.

### **How to Get Started:**

1. **Plan an Activity/Event:** Organize a meaningful event or activity in collaboration with your local VFW Post. Ensure it includes opportunities for members to interact with local lawmakers.
2. **Document Your Efforts:** Keep detailed records and evidence of your activity or event to support your entry.
3. **Complete the Entry Form:** Download and complete the entry form, ensuring you provide all required information.
4. **Submit on Time:** Send your completed form to the Department Legislative Chairman before the March 31, 2025, deadline.

### **Resources:**

For additional information or assistance with your entry, please reach out to me directly or consult the National VFW Auxiliary website. We're here to support you every step of the way.

Let's take this opportunity to shine a spotlight on the incredible work being done in our Auxiliaries and continue to advocate for our veterans with the same dedication that defines our mission.

Thank you for your continued commitment and leadership.

### ***In Service and Support,***

Joyce Bilyeu, Legislative Chairman  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of California