

Legislative Program Promotion - November 2025

Dana Rauch
2025-2026 Department of California Legislative Chairman

Dana@SV-Heliopause.com



Re: November Legislative Program Promotion

Greetings VFW Auxiliary Department of California,

Election day 2025 is now in our rearview mirror; however, our opportunities to influence our Legislators is an 'everyday' challenge. To make meaningful progress on Legislation for our Veterans and Families, IT TAKES OUR ACTION.

Here is a current example that can use your ACTION:

Tell Congress to Support Student Veterans:

The Post-9/11 GI Bill changed lives, helping millions of veterans earn degrees and launch new careers. But the book stipend that helps them afford textbooks and supplies hasn't been adjusted since 2009.

That means every year, student veterans lose ground to inflation. Textbooks, lab equipment, and online materials now cost far more than the \$1,000 annual stipend provides. A recent Student Veterans of America survey found that nearly half of student veterans must pay out of pocket or go without required materials.

Congress can fix this. H.R.1965, Veteran Education Assistance Adjustment Act, would adjust the book stipend to \$1,400 and tie future increases to inflation, ensuring this vital benefit keeps pace with the real cost of education.

This bill has strong bipartisan support, but it needs more cosponsors to move forward. Every call, every email, every voice counts.

CALL TO ACTION: "Tell your representative: Support and cosponsor H.R.1965 today."

Our veterans earned this benefit through honorable service. They shouldn't have to choose between buying books and paying bills.

Not sure how to contact your Representatives?

See our August 2025 Legislative Promotion which provides details on how to contact your representatives. It can be located on the web, here:

<https://vfwauxca.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=120357>

Not sure of VFW's support on Legislation?

Key Bills in Congress that effects Veterans and Families, and whether VFW supports (or is against) that Legislation, can be located on the web, here:

<https://votervoice.net/VFW/bills>

To take ACTION, contact your Legislator to communicate your Auxiliary members support, or against, positions for each Legislation that impacts our Veterans.

Subscribed to Action Corp Weekly?:

For the State of California, we have 31,733 members who have joined the Action Corps. This is an amazing number.

However, we only show a pitiful 121 members who are actively participating and responding to Action Alerts. That is less than 1% (0.38%).

To make meaningful progress on Legislation for our Veterans and Families, IT TAKES OUR ACTION. Please contact your Legislators on Action Alerts, and other Legislation before Congress; so that lasting impact can be recognized for our Veterans and their families.

Legislative Program Reporting:

I love seeing all the Legislative Program Reporting you are entering. Please keep them coming.

I am sure that there is more Action than is being reported. Please ensure you are getting credit for all your hard work and Action. Remember to enter a Program Report to get credit.

Did you vote on November 4 (or earlier by mail)? If so, it is reportable!

Thank you for your continued support for the Legislative Program.

Dana Rauch
2025-2026 Department of California Legislative Chairman
151 W Barnett St
Ventura, CA 93001
772-801-9725 - Mobile
Dana@SV-Heliopause.com