The Legislative program works hand in hand with the VFW! Our goals for the year will include VFW Priority Goals, Action Corps Weekly, and Community Legislative Involvement. Which means...

Study the VFW Priority Goals. They can be found on the VFW National website at: <u>www.vfw.org.</u> These do tend to change, so check back often. I will also have them linked to our Department website: <u>www.vfwauxin.org</u> under programs>Legislative.

The priority goals are grouped into six areas of concern:

Budget,

Healthcare,

Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs,

Education, Employment and Transition Assistance,

Military Quality of Life and

National Security, Foreign Affairs and POW/MIA.

Get your membership to sign up for **Action Corps Weekly**. At every Conference, the Representative always asks how many people receive this emailed newsletter. Only about half the members in attendance raise their hand. That means we have a long way to go. Also, did you know, that National can actually tell if we opened the newsletter once we get it?? I highly encourage participation of this informative newsletter.

VFW Auxiliary members can also track Legislative Bills by visiting: **www.congress.gov** where you find a specific bill by its number or by a key word or phrase.

We are also going to strive to get you the correct information for your State and Federal representatives. One of our goals is to reach out to each legislative member and get them to work for our Veterans! You have several methods to reach out to them...go visit them, email, phone, or snail mail to name a few.

All Auxiliary Chairmen are asked to go the extra mile and talk to your Auxiliary members to obtain information for accurate reporting.

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