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# LEGISLATIVE GUIDE SHEET OCTOBER 2020

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## **GET OUT THE VOTE!**

This is an exciting and very important election year! We have the opportunity to elect/re-elect Congressional Legislators to represent us and our veterans. There are 435 House seats, 34 Senate seats and the Office of the President up for election on November 3, 2020.

Voting is a special right that we have living in this free country. A right that our forefathers fought and sometime died to acquire, and all those heroes who followed, sacrificed to protect and preserve. Don't forget to exercise your right to vote on Election Day and encourage others to do the same.

Let your voices be heard! Numbers matter in an election and we have the numbers to make a difference. It has been estimated that 94% of veterans vote. Combine this with spouses, family members and friends, and it results in a significant number of votes.

We are stronger together and our influence counts. However, we must speak with one voice and our voices must be heard. While veterans' service organizations cannot officially endorse a political candidate, as individuals, we are urged to support those running for public office who support us and our legislative efforts. We show our patriotism and good citizenry as we play a role and get involved in the elections.

Our veterans' quality of life must be a priority for our elected officials. The only way to ensure this is to vote for those candidates who believe in and support our issues. Therefore, it is important for us as citizens, veterans and voters to study the issues and be aware of the positions of those campaigning for public office, so we may cast an informed vote at election time.

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