VFW Auxiliary Involvement in Elections and Political Activities



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES*

VFW Auxiliary members are encouraged to get involved in Congressional and FOR UNCOMMON Presidential elections, hold voter registration drives, Town Hall meetings and other events featuring candidates for public office. We view it as a positive and it shows veterans and those who support veterans issues to be a strong group of voters that most candidates want on their side.

As we approach the Congressional and Presidential campaign season, here are a few items to keep mind as you get involved and attend and/or host candidate functions and Town Hall meetings:

<u>DO's</u>

- Do attend candidate Town Hall Meetings and other events and ask candidates where they stand on veterans issues.
- Do set up voter registration drives/Get Out the Vote Campaigns on the local level.
- Do provide carpool service on Election Day to help the elderly and disabled get to the voting booth.
- Do support and work for your favorite candidates as a voting constituent.
- Do wear clothing/pins with the VFW Auxiliary emblem at public events such as town halls, rallies, forums and/or debates.

DON'Ts

- Don't endorse candidates on behalf of the VFW Auxiliary National Organization, Department, District or Auxiliary.
- Don't wear your VFW Auxiliary cap when actively campaigning for a candidate, such as soliciting donations or knocking on doors asking people to pledge their vote for a candidate.

It does not matter which candidate(s) you support as long as they know you are a VFW Auxiliary member and concerned about veterans, our military personnel and their families. The key is to stay informed on the issues and use your influence to urge new candidates and those up for reelection to support the VFW, VFW Auxiliary and veterans issues.

VFW Auxiliary members can make a difference in any election by getting involved in the political process.

- Access the brochure "<u>Veterans Vote: A How to Guide to Getting Involved in the Election</u> <u>Process</u>."
- Stay informed by reviewing the <u>VFW's Legislative Priority Goals.</u>
- If you have questions, please contact the VFW at <u>vfwac@vfw.org</u>.