

LEGISLATIVE

“MY HEART REVS FOR HEROES”

PROGRAM GOALS

Be An Advocate –Join VFW Action Corps Weekly
Be Informed Know the VFW Priority Goals
Be Engaged – Use Legislative Tools & Resources

Rhonda Lawrence

870-421-9822

rlawprogram@gmail.com

“The biggest challenge members face with this Program is lack of confidence; the belief that they do not know enough about veterans’ issues to speak to legislators. As a relative of a veteran, our members bring a unique perspective to veterans’ issues. Sharing first-hand knowledge or a personal story can impact our legislators and affect their view on an issue”. The VFW and the VFW Auxiliary have an array of tools to help you.

VFW Action Corps Weekly

Be aware of current action taken on these priority goals and do your part to help ensure that they are enacted by subscribe to the *VFW Action Corps Weekly*. This is a free online publication that is full of news about what’s happening on Capitol Hill with Veterans’ issues and our national security and provides an easy means and access to the proper legislators for appropriate resolutions. Sign up for the VFW’s Action Corps Weekly e-newsletter at www.vfw.org/advocate/grassroots-efforts and click on the Action Corp image. Open and read this news weekly.

Priority Goals

Study the issues laid out clearly in the *VFW Priority Goals*, a copy of which can be found on the Auxiliary website under “What We Do, Legislative.” *The Priority Goals* reflect the resolutions passed by the VFW to strengthen and ensure an adequate VA system. Pick one that interest you and become an expert on the subject so you can discuss it with legislators. The goals are grouped under six areas of concern: Budget – Health Care - Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs - Education, Employment & Transition Assistance - Military Quality of Life - National Security, Foreign Affairs & POW/MIA

Community Legislative Education & Engagement

Be engaged! The VFW and the VFW Auxiliary have many resources to help you explain the Legislative program to Legislators and others in the Community. Ways to stay engaged in Legislations are

✳ Write a letter to the local paper stating you position and ask the public to contact legislators, Sponsor a public candidate forum. - Set up a booth at a fair or farmers market and have priority goals available. - Make the “I vote in Honor of a US Veteran” part of your program. - Attend a Town Hall meeting and take priority goals to raise community awareness.

Auxiliary Awards

1. Outstanding Performance Awards as outlined on page # of this program book. Citation to the runner-up
2. Citation for every Auxiliary that trains members on the legislative process and completes the National form (found at www.vfwauxiliary.org/recources) and send it to me before March 31, 2022.
3. Citation in each membership group for the best promotion of Community Legislative Engagement.

Legislative Program

“MY HEART REVS FOR HEROES”

Aux. # _____ District # _____ City _____ Membership Group _____

Chairman's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Always use additional paper if necessary to provide details of your project or program

Report Deadlines: November 15, 2021 and April 15, 2022. Date of this report: _____

Rhonda Lawrence
870-421-9822
rlawprogram@gmail.com

1. How many members subscribe to VFW Action Corps Weekly? _____
2. Number of contacts were made by members personally/written to legislators on veterans' issues:
 - a. Personal Contact: _____
 - b. E-Mails: _____
 - c. Faxes: _____
 - d. Letters: _____
 - e. Phone Calls: _____
3. How many members attended events where they could interact with legislators? (Such as Town Halls, meet and greets, or legislative conferences) _____
4. What did your Auxiliary do to promote the VFW Priority Goals?

<u>Total Projects For this report</u>	<u>Number of Members Participating</u>	<u>Total Hours Worked</u>	<u>Total Number of Miles</u>	<u>Total Value or Dollars Spent</u>

