

LEGISLATION
For 2025 – 2026

Dear Members:

I would like to take this time to introduce myself to you. My name is Lynn Ann Malone and our State President Gloria Lisicki has appointed me to chair the Legislation program for the year 2025 – 2026. I am very honored to have been appointed.

I feel that legislation is very important to our members both at the Post and Auxiliary levels and also at the District levels, and in that regard I have attached a copy of the VFW Priority Goals for everyone to read.

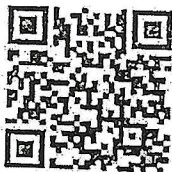
I am also asking that ALL our members sign up for the Action Corp at <https://votervoice.net/VFW/register>. It is very easy to do using the QR code attached below. The Action Corp is delivered to your email every week on Monday, and contains information as to what is being done at the National level to help our veterans. The Action Corp will also inform you on current legislation that focuses on the VFW Priority Goals. There also will be times when you will receive an ALERT regarding a bill that the VFW would like passed or not passed. All you have to do is click on the button and your voice will be sent to our legislators as to what we as members of the Auxiliary and also of the Post want. Remember we as a group have a very strong voice.

You can also review the legislative process, as well as its influence on MALTA, under "Member Resources" under "Legislative", or just go to the website (<https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/MemberResources>). You will find a wealth of information on MALTA. Take the time to search through the site.

District and Auxiliary Presidents please take the time to read my promotions each and every month to your members. Focus on legislation that will promote the VFW Priority Goals for our veterans and let your voices be heard.

Sincerely,

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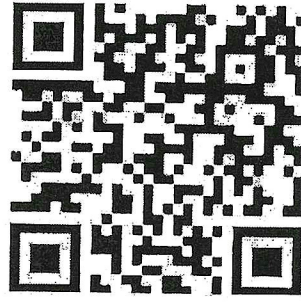
Please contact or visit your congressional representatives and stress that these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 119th Congress. These priority goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary. To find your congressional representatives, visit vfw.org/ActionCorps.

Play a Role in the Process

Engage and help us ensure that these priority goals are enacted. Sign up today for the VFW Action Corps Weekly and VFW Action Alerts:

- Visit vfw.org/JoinActionCorps
- Text "VFW" to 50457*
- Scan QR Code below

*Messaging and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Reply HELP and STOP to unsubscribe.



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2025 PRIORITY GOALS

*Delivering the promise to our
veterans, service members,
and their families.*

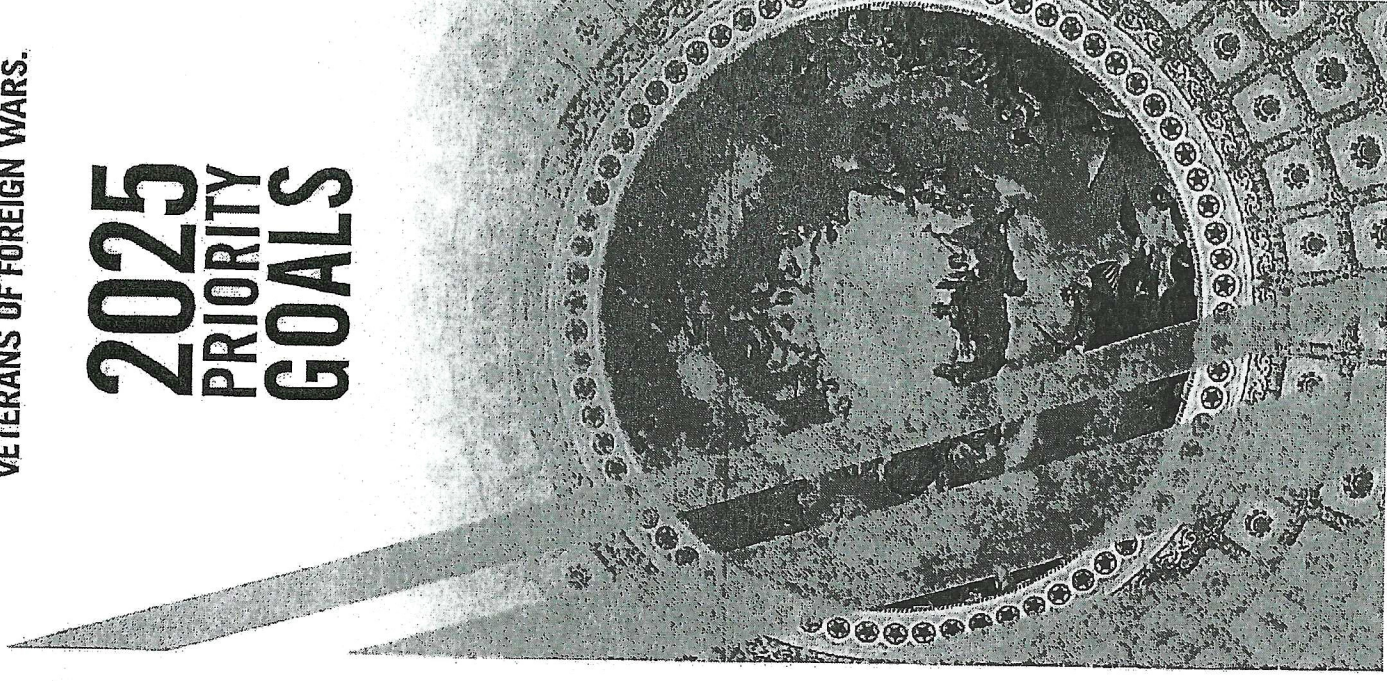
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Budget

to fully fund relevant programs for veterans, service members, and their families, Congress must:

Ensure sufficient, timely appropriations and proper budget oversight for VA.

Authorize VA to receive reimbursements from TRICARE and Medicare.

Never reduce one veteran's benefits to pay for another.

Modernize and reform VA and DOD programs that do not meet the needs of service members, veterans, and families.

Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs

to ensure veterans and their survivors have timely access to earned benefits, Congress and A must:

Crack down on unaccredited claims consultants known as Claim Sharks.

Study all toxic and environmental exposures, and implement programs to ensure health care and benefits are provided to all exposed service members and veterans.

Properly oversee and update the modernized appeals process, digital claims processing, and antiquated examination process.

Increase Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, burial allowances, and other benefits for survivors.

Improve the accuracy of disability compensation claims related to military sexual trauma.

Ensure that earned VA benefits are never unjustly reduced.

Education, Employment, and Transition Assistance

to ensure veterans succeed after leaving military service, Congress, VA, DOD, and DOL must:

modernized online student housing allowances, child care supports, parity for Guard and Reserve members, and elimination of delimiting dates.

- Enhance outreach and counseling to veterans eligible for the Veteran Readiness and Employment program.

- Ensure parity of VA and DOD education programs with other federal programs.

- Expand small business, hiring preference, tax incentives, and entrepreneurship resources for veterans and military spouses.

- Increase funding for HUD-VASH vouchers, grant and per diem payments, and pilot programs to combat veteran homelessness.

- Conduct oversight of VA's Transition Assistance Program to ensure compliance with the law, and require the inclusion of accredited claims representatives.

- Eliminate red tape preventing effective use of education and employment benefits.

Health Care

To ensure service members and veterans receive timely access to high-quality health care without increasing cost shares, Congress, VA, and DOD must:

- Eliminate service member and veteran suicide.

- Reform the dysfunctional community care program at VA.

- Strengthen care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injuries.

- Research the efficacy of plant-based alternative therapies for PTSD.

- Improve oversight of Vet Centers to ensure adequate staffing, resources, and funding.

- Enhance programs and services for women and underserved veterans.

- Preserve the integrity of TRICARE.

- Properly implement VA and DOD health IT

- Expand nursing home enrollment and long-term care options.

- Modernize care for veterans outside of the United States.

Military Readiness

To maintain a strong and ready all-volunteer force capable of protecting American interests, Congress and DOD must:

- Enhance quality of life and health care programs that allow service members to focus on the mission.

- Ensure equity of benefits for Reserve Component service members.

- End the military retirement pay and VA disability compensation offset.

- Provide benefits enrollment for all transitioning service members.

- Eliminate sexual assault and harassment from the military.

- Increase military base pay comparability with private sector wages.

- Ensure that military housing and work spaces are safe and modern.

- Eliminate food insecurity in the military.

National Security, Foreign Affairs, and POW/MIA

To fully support the all-volunteer force, protect our nation's citizens, and defend American interests around the world, Congress and DOD must:

- Ensure DPAA is fully funded to perform its personnel recovery mission.

- Deter threats to our national security by supporting our allies in Ukraine, Israel, Korea, and Taiwan.

- Ensure all service members who served in harm's way, to include foreign nationals, translators, and allies receive the recognition, care, and benefits they may have earned.



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