

**DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS VFW AUXILIARY
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NATIONAL AMBASSADOR AMY JO LETT

BE AN ADVOCATE; BE INFORMED; BE ENGAGED

Our National Ambassador Amy Jo Lett, promotional material for July, shares with us her thoughts of what the Legislative Program is all about. Legislative work may not always be glamorous, but is powerful and is one of the most underused ways we can honor our veterans. We must advocate for legislation that will support, protect and give them the benefits they deserve.

We are lighting the way between veterans, their families and legislators with a wave of gratitude. She calls it the gratitude attitude! That means every letter, every phone call, every Action Corps response is more than just a task, it is a thank you to those who gave us our freedoms! So remember to thank your legislators when they support our Veterans. You do not need to be a political expert, just a passionate patriot with a gratitude attitude, so let's advocate while leading with kindness and gratitude.

As we work toward the Legislative National Program Award we are asked to do an activity or event to create thank-you notes and cards to veterans that include likes to VFW Action Corps Weekly and/or VFW Priority Goals. These can be utilized at any event honoring Veterans (i.e. Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, Vietnam War Veterans Day, or the birthdays of the U.S. Military Branches). Include the youth in your activities and let them decorate the cards!!

Our National Ambassador would like to see Veteran Advocacy Training Workshops within the Department. These workshops are important because they will give VFW Auxiliary members confidence, tools and knowledge to speak up for legislation that supports veterans and their families. These workshops can offer a safe place to learn and practice skills like public speaking, telling personal stories, meeting with lawmakers and handling tough questions. Members also learn how to stay focused on the VFW's Priority Goals and work as a team with their VFW Legislative counterparts. When we are prepared and united, we help ensure our voices are heard and respected at every level of government. I will be giving more information on the workshops next month.

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