

**VFW AUXILIARY  
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM  
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As we honored our Prisoners of War/Missing in Action veterans in September, we should remember that this is one of the **Priority Goals** of the VFW. National Security, Foreign Affairs and POW/MIA. As members of the VFW/Auxiliary we advocate to fully support service members, and protect our nation's citizens and interests around the world. Congress and Department of Defense must: Preserve the all-volunteer force; Expand partnerships with host nations and private/public organizations to achieve the fullest possible accounting of U.S. military personnel missing from all wars; and Ensure DPAA (Department POW/MIA Accounting Agency) is fully funded to perform its personnel recovery mission. Just this week the DPAA announced six more heroes coming home for burial with full military honors. If you would like to get this information, please sign up for the **VFW Action Corps Weekly**.

As we look forward to November, with State and Federal elections being held, we remind all Auxiliary members that we are to support candidates that will advocate for our Veterans and their families. As you vote at any election, remind yourself of what "Your Veteran" has done to preserve liberty and freedom for our country. Vote in honor or memory of "Your Veteran" (vote stickers are found on the national web-site [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org) under the legislative program) and know that you vote to elect a candidate that will uphold these same fundamentals for years to come. Be informed about what the VFW/Auxiliary is doing on Capitol Hill and know what candidates are supporting these bills. Put out "GET OUT AND VOTE" posters and set up a calling number for people to call for rides to the polls. Attend those town hall meetings and research the candidates to see how they have voted on Veteran issues in the past.

As always, BE AN ADVOCATE, BE INFORMED AND BE ENGAGED. **Be an Advocate** for those who can not speak for themselves; **Be Informed** about the Priority Goals and what the VFW is doing on Capitol Hill for our Veterans; and then **Be Engaged** by attending town halls and meeting our legislators to see what they are doing or will be doing for our Veterans and educating your community on these issues.

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