

**VFW AUXILIARY
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
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National Legislative Ambassador, Sherry Howland, encourages us to watch several bills in the House and Senate and that it is imperative that we educate our members to become active in achieving our elected representatives' support. All are listed on the vfw.org website in Legislative Priority Goals and in the subparagraphs of pending and current legislation.

A few that are listed: the Major Richard Star Act 2023 – still a top priority issue. A proposed legislation that would allow combat-wounded veterans who are medically retired before serving 20 years to concurrently receive military retirement and disability pay, without offsets.

Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 – It is important that our veterans and their families know that if they are awarded compensation by the courts, their VA disability compensation is not affected. So, if they are in the Camp Lejeune category, they should apply for the benefit.

Women Veterans Issues – It is imperative that we are alert for any legislation affecting the health care or any other benefits afforded women for their military service. Make sure our members are educated and up to date on all legislative issues regarding our veteran men and women and how to take necessary action to ensure Legislator support.

Know and promote the VFW Priority Goals. Make sure you understand and know what the impact will be for our Veterans, and their families and let our legislators know that we as Auxiliary members, stand beside our VFW members to pass or block such Legislation. We should hold our legislators accountable for honoring America's promises to our nation's veterans.

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.

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