Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Auxiliary,

Below is an email that went out this week from our Post Legislative Committee Member. Since we're married and I couldn't have done it better, I'm plagiarizing his work (with his blessing) so we can all take action. The following is by far the most impactful thing we can do to advocate for veterans' rights this month. Apart from all the work I know you are doing for Veterans day in your communities, and on top of the recent election that will generate so many Legislative reports for yours truly, I'm putting this out to you all in hopes for even more of all the above. Let's make our voices heard!

VFW and our allies are in a full-court press, mobilizing nationwide to protect veterans' earned benefits. We need all-hands-on-deck to tell Congress to vote NO on the Take Care of America's Veterans Act (TCAVA) and YES to pass the stand-alone CLEAN Major Richard Star Act.

On November 9–10, VFW and VFW Auxiliary advocates will be on Capitol Hill meeting with congressional offices. At the same time, members and supporters across the country will participate in a coordinated National Call-In. This effort is about showing Congress that veterans and their supporters are paying attention and expect lawmakers to protect the benefits earned through military service. It is not a time to grind partisan axes, so please stay clear of party-oriented politics.

We need YOUR help NOW to make this a nationwide effort.
There are four important actions for you to take:

1. **TODAY - Sign the petition:** Help demonstrate how many Americans oppose cuts to VA disability compensation and support passage of the stand-alone CLEAN Major Richard Star Act. Our advocates will bring petition totals to Capitol Hill. https://votervoice.net/VFW/Petitions/6769/Respond?fromSingle=1

2. **TODAY - Send a message to Congress:** Our new Action Alert allows supporters to contact their representatives and senators directly about these legislative priorities. https://www.votervoice.net/VFW/Campaigns/140412/Respond

3. **TODAY** - We need to reach beyond our membership to families, friends, coworkers, neighbors, and community organizations. Anyone who supports veterans' earned benefits can participate at the links above and participate in the Call-In below.

4. **MONDAY-TUESDAY November 9-10** - When the time is right, call your elected Senators and Member of Congress. We'll be providing more specific suggestions on what to say within a few days, but the critical part is to tell them to **Vote NO on the Take Care of America's Veterans Act (TCAVA) because of the significant cuts to VA disability compensation in Section 108 and vote YES to pass the stand-alone CLEAN Major Richard Star Act. Congressional calls should be on November 9 and 10, not before**. This coincides with the timing for dozens of our comrades being in DC visiting their offices in person. A list of Oregon elected representatives are below. If you don't know who your representatives are, find yours by zip code here: https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative.

U.S. Senators

- Senator Ron Wyden: 202-224-5244
- Senator Jeff Merkley: 202-224-3753

U.S. Representatives

- Suzanne Bonamici (1st District): 202-225-0855
- Cliff Bentz (2nd District): 202-225-6730
- Maxine Dexter (3rd District): 202-225-4811
- Val Hoyle (4th District): 202-225-6416
- Janelle Bynum (5th District): 202-225-5711
- Andrea Salinas (6th District): 202-225-5643

Yours in Service,

Anthony Barber, VFW Oregon National Legislative Committee Member
Cathy Barber, VFWA Oregon Legislative Chairman

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