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Brothers and Sisters,

The VFW Legislative program is a collaborative effort in which the Auxiliary is a particular force multiplier in efforts to make a difference for veterans. Our Post is the presence, ultimately, that makes the big impression before Congress, and it's the moment that so many of our Commanders in Chief work toward their entire year. And we are the people that add the numbers, the legwork, the support and camaraderie that can make a critical difference when the chips come down.

The legislative sessions during 2026-2027 are showing particular promise to make a real, grassroots difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in arms. You have family and friends who are directly affected by these changes. How can you help? In a single word: **Action Corps**. (OK, two words!) Sign up for it, watch for items where you can make a contribution, and read the articles that keep you informed about these critical efforts. Below is a list of links you can follow for more specific information:

VFW Priority Goals

<https://www.vfw.org/-/media/vfwsite/files/advocacy/prioritygoalsbrochure.pdf>

Action Corps Newsletter

<https://votervoice.net/VFW/register>

Links for voting on issues and communicating with legislators:

- [The White House](#)
- [United States House of Representatives](#)
- [United States Senate](#)
- [National Archives – Legislative Branch: The Center for Legislative Archives](#)

I hope you find these sources interesting and informative. Please be an advocate by reading the material and staying informed on the issues. Use what you learn to spark conversations that can lead to meaningful changes – using care to stick to the issues, and avoiding partisan politics. Remember, the real work gets done by reaching across the aisles.

I'm looking forward to leading Oregon's efforts in the legislative arena this year. Please feel free to use me as a resource. I can be reached directly at 503.430.4879 or by email at cathy.gordonbarber@gmail.com.

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