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Hello there. This is Debby Fawver. I am your Legislative Chairman for Program Year 2023-2024. My goal is to help you with the information that you can pass down to your Auxiliary members and to the citizens in your area.

I ask that you read this information during your **reports of committees** section of your monthly meetings. When you do that, please report to me on the Department reporting form stating which message you reported on.

Please keep in mind that each time you/or auxiliary has any contact with your elected leaders, attends events where you can interact with legislators makes phone calls, sends letters, postcards, or emails I expect a report and what was accomplished.

Your Auxiliary can host town hall meetings which should include any person who is running so that the information they want the citizenry to know about can be heard at the same time. We are not to show favoritism. We are to remain neutral. (I know, for some that will be a challenge in itself).

As members of the VFW Auxiliary we can definitely voice our wants and concerns that pertain to Veterans and what they need. That is why we exist, to help Veterans and their families.

Keep asking others to join you so that the VFW can have a stronger voice when they **STORM** the Capital in Washington DC in February. The more members we have, the stronger the message that Veterans and Auxiliaries are behind those who serve.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

July 2, 1926 – U. S. Army Air Corps established.

July 4 – 1776 - American Independence Day

July 12, 1862 – Congress authorized Medal of Honor for gallantry in action.

July 16, 1952 – President signed GI Bill, **for which VFW campaigned.**

Please remember report that you reported on what I just wrote.

In later articles, I will write about different Legislative actions you should be aware of. Make sure you are checking on Action Corp. You will have plenty of information to pass on to your Auxiliary members.

Please help your members sign up for Action Corp so they also can take **ACTION** on anything that pertains to helping veterans. I will be checking with each Auxiliary to see how many have signed up for **ACTION CORP**. It's free, its easy to do and so informative. You will also keep up to date on the remains of fallen Veterans who have been identified and who are or will be given their proper burial and recognition for the parts they played in the wars for freedom.

Work all programs. Report everything you do. If there are any questions, reach out.