

2024-2025 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

State legislative priorities are developed based on resolutions adopted by our State Convention delegates on state issues of concern to Michigan veterans. These resolutions are then used, in consultation with the other members of the Michigan Commanders Group of State Veterans Service Organizations, to establish a list of Commanders Group endorsed Legislative Priorities. State legislative priorities are pursued by the Department leadership team and the Department Legislative Director, generally in concert with the other members of the Commanders Group to the Commanders Group Legislative Committee.

State Legislative Priorities from the Commanders Group are Posted on this page.

Department endorsed resolutions from the 2024 State Convention are posted on the website under the News tab.

National legislative priorities are developed by the VFW National Legislative Service based on National Convention supported resolutions on national issues of concern to America's veterans in the areas of national security and veterans benefits. National legislative priorities are pursued by VFW National Legislative Service, VFW National Officers and the Department leadership team and the Department representative on the National Legislative Committee.

National VFW Legislative Priorities are posted on this page.

National proposed resolutions endorsed by the 2024 State Convention are posted on the website under the News tab.

The Department Legislative Team will keep our members informed of our State and National Legislative efforts through regular communications via alerts on the website, alerts and updates on the Department Facebook page, updates published in the MOV and monthly Advocate newsletter and the Department General Orders.

REPORTING AND AWARDS:

The following points are key to fulfilling our legislative goals at both the state and national level:

- Leaders at every level of the organization should encourage all new and existing members to enroll for the VFW Action Corps weekly,
- We must educate our members on our state and national legislative priority issues,
- We must encourage members to communicate regularly with their local, state and national elected officials on issues of concern to veterans, especially our state and national priority issues,
- Insist on courteous and professional advocacy on behalf of our legislative priorities,
- Encourage regular and timely reporting by Post leaders of all legislative communications through the Department online reporting feature.

One Post in each of the following membership divisions shall be recognized at the 2025 State Convention for their outstanding leadership in legislative advocacy as illustrated by the April 30, 2025 Department Activity Report for the period May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025.

Membership Divisions shall be based on the June 30, 2024 National Membership report:

Division I	10 – 65 members
Division II	66 – 125 members
Division III	126 – 225 members
Division IV	226 members and over

Knowledge of the issues and regular communication from our members with our elected officials at every level are key to our effective legislative advocacy. We must have your voice to be effective.

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