Support today’s veterans and military

Help us ensure an adequate VA system will be there for the millions of current and future veterans.

When you visit your congressional representatives, please stress these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 117th Congress. These goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary. To find out who your congressional representatives are, visit vfw.org/ActionCorps.

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Ensure that these Priority Goals are enacted. Sign up today for the VFW’s Action Corps Weekly e-newsletter at vfw.org/JoinActionCorps or text "VFW" to 50457.

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DISABILITY ASSISTANCE AND MEMORIAL AFFAIRS
To ensure veterans and their survivors have timely access to earned benefits, Congress and VA must:

- Properly implement the modernized appeals process.
- Consider treatment of presumptive conditions as a claim for disability compensation.
- Extend Persian Gulf War disability compensation eligibility beyond 2021 and to Afghanistan-theater veterans, and reform the relevant Disability Benefits Questionnaire.
- Establish presumptive disability compensation benefits for hearing loss, tinnitus, TBI, blast survivors, and for health conditions associated with toxic exposures.
- Require VA to accept private medical evidence in lieu of VA examinations.
- Increase burial allowances to account for inflation and include spouses’ information on all headstones.
- Authorize more than one adaptive automotive grant for disabled veterans.
- Update regulations and laws governing claims to account for digital claims processing.
- Transfer control of the Mare Island Naval Cemetery to the National Cemetery Administration.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND TRANSITION ASSISTANCE
To ensure veterans succeed after leaving military service, they must have access to:

- Timely and improved transition assistance, including access to programs after they leave military service.
- High-quality and sustainable education benefits.
- Strong employment and training programs.
- Small business development opportunities.
- Civilian credentials or academic credit for military training.
- Hiring preferences in the civil service and with large government contractors.
- National veterans treatment court advocates.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE
To maintain a quality, comprehensive benefits and retirement package that is the backbone for an all-volunteer force, Congress and DOD must:

- Increase military base pay comparability with private sector wages.
- Protect and improve on-base quality of life programs.
- Ensure that military housing is safe and free of toxic substances.
- End the military retirement pay and VA disability compensation offset.
- Eliminate sexual assaults in the military.
- Establish the Armed Forces University.
- Ensure equity of benefits for Reserve component service members.
- Improve stability and support for military families.

NATIONAL SECURITY, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND POW/MIA
To fully support service members and their mission to fight the war on terrorism, and protect our nation’s citizens and interests around the world, Congress and DOD must:

- Expand partnerships with host nations and private/public organizations to achieve the fullest possible accounting of U.S. military personnel missing from all wars.
- Provide the necessary funding of at least five percent of GDP for the readiness, training, modernization, health care, and quality-of-life initiatives for the armed forces.
- Preserve the all-volunteer force.