VFW Involvement in Elections and Political Activities

VFW members can make a difference in any election by getting involved in the political process. Hold voter registration drives, town hall meetings, and other events featuring candidates for public office. Veterans are a strong voting bloc and a constituency that most candidates want on their side. As we approach the next election cycle, here are a few items to keep mind as you get involved and attend or host candidate functions and town hall meetings:

DO's

- Do attend candidate town hall meetings and other events and ask candidates where they stand on our issues.
- Do set up voter registration drives /Get Out the Vote Campaigns on the local level.
- Do provide carpool service on Election Day to help the elderly and disabled get to the voting booth.
- Do support and work for your favorite candidates as an individual voting constituent.
- Do wear your VFW cap at public events such as town halls, rallies, forums, or debates.

DON'Ts

- Don't endorse candidates on behalf of the VFW National Organization, Department,
 District or Post.
- Don't wear your VFW cap when actively campaigning for a candidate, such as soliciting donations or knocking on doors asking people to pledge their vote for a candidate.

The key is to stay informed on veterans' issues and use your influence to urge new candidates and those up for reelection to support veterans. It does not matter which candidates you support as long as they know you are a VFW member and are concerned about your fellow veterans, service members, and their families.

For more information on how to get involved, read the VFW's <u>Veterans Vote brochure</u>.

Stay informed by reviewing the VFW's Legislative Priority Goals.

If you have questions, please contact the VFW at vfwac@vfw.org.