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Greetings Everyone!

I hope that your Christmas Season was filled with much happiness and family love....may your New Year bring you much success and joy.

With this New Year, we have new candidates taking their oath of office on the State and Federal level. Though we may not support the ones who have won in the elections, it doesn't mean we give up. We must always stay informed of the issues affecting our Veterans and keep in contact with our Legislators. I urge you to make copies of the New Priority Goals for 2019 and distribute them to your members. You can find the new Goals on our Department website;
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The 115th Congress did pass the following bills:

1. **S.2248** – A mini omnibus package which improves programs for Homeless Veterans, transition assistance, Veteran owned small businesses, student Veterans, and also includes the **SIT-REP ACT**, which would protect student Veterans from penalties due to delayed GI Bill payments.
2. **S.3777 – Forever GI Bill Housing Payment Fulfillment Act of 2018** – which will require the VA to set up a team to plan and schedule dates for when student Veterans, who were impacted by the GI bill payment problems, will receive their corrected housing payments.
3. **S.3661** Requires the DOD to conduct a program to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of WWII and support programs and local government.
4. **S.2679** – Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act – which enables Veteran owned small businesses to participate in the Federal Surplus Property Donation Program.

Even though the VFW applauds the efforts of the 115th Congress, there were bills that didn't pass and must be reintroduced in the 116th Congress. One such bill that failed support in the Senate was the VFW supported "Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act".

I remind you to please sign up for the VFW Action Corp Newsletter, if you haven't already. You can find the link on our Department website at: www.wivfwaux.org. Click on Legislative for other links too!

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