

Legislative Update

March 2024

I was able to attend the National Legislative Zoom meeting last month. The focus and topic of discussion was the upcoming conference in Washington. The Washington Conference is being held from February 23-28 and Legion and Auxiliary members will be attending special workshops in addition to meeting with legislative members from their states. The priority agenda although not available at this writing, will be able to found at this link <https://www.legion.org/washingtonconference/legislativepriorities>. However, the National Commander will not be testifying before congress until later in March.

Our elected are working again. Taking care of the military families is a focus in this next session.

The Military Family Protection from Debt Act (H.R. 5190) was introduced by Congressman Andy Kim (D-NJ-3) in August of 2023. The bill aims to ensure that the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, which caps interest rates for servicemembers at 6%, can be extended to both military spouses and dependents.

The Military Spouse Hiring Act (H.R. 1277/S. 596), which has the support of 143 lawmakers in the House and 47 in the Senate, also aims to support the military families who are critical to the readiness of servicemembers. ***The Military Spouse Hiring Act would amend tax code, allowing business to receive the Work Opportunity Tax Credit*** when they hire military spouses.

A big push this last month for the American legion was the **Afghan Adjustment Act**



Legion Staff, National Security Chairman, Matthew Shuman and Senator Amy Klobuchar at a press conference for Afghan Adjustment

Reporting is coming soon so be sure to encourage your Units to reach out and support these bills. It is so easy these days with the click of a button. Next month we will talk about reporting.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

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