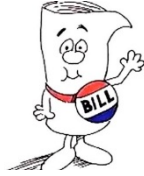


## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY



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Hello Everyone,

Well, summer is giving way to fall, school has started and soon in November we will be heading to the polls. I hope that you are keeping up with what is happening with our Legislators and following their concerns for our Veterans and their families. I do hope you are all watching the race between Republican Leah Vukmir and Democrat Tammy Baldwin for the United States Senate. Remember we cannot endorse any one Candidate in the name of the VFW or its Auxiliary.....however we can endorse on our own time, without wearing any of the VFW or Auxiliary hats, shirts etc.



If you haven't yet signed up for the VFW Action Corps, please make it a priority to do so. This excellent communication from the VFW raises awareness on important matters for our members and what you can do to encourage your congressional delegation to take action on critical veteran issues. You will receive a weekly update in your inbox which you can use as a guide for contacting your legislators. Subscribe on the National website at: [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org); click on "What we do" then click on "Legislative". Contact your Legislators and find out who's who. To identify your Congressional Representatives visit the VFW website at: [www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts](http://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts).

One of the resources provided to you is the **VFW Auxiliary Guide to Contacting Your Legislators** which breaks down the often intimidating process of citizen advocacy and makes it very easy to communicate with the decision makers in an appropriate and effective manner. Use this guide as a tool when taking action on items you will read in the VFW Action Corps newsletter. Please encourage all Auxiliaries to review this outline at a meeting in the near future. It will help them to feel confident when they make contact with legislators on any level.

Students are not the only ones who should be going back to school! To be a truly effective advocate for our organization, we all must educate ourselves and others on the primary issues facing our vets and then do our homework by reviewing the voting records of our legislators. Does your senator or representative get a passing grade when it comes to fighting for the benefits and services of those who sacrificed so much to serve this great nation? Hold them all accountable for "walking the talk!" It's up to us to help keep our Veterans and our community informed about our concerns for our Veterans. Please use this information at your meetings. Stay tuned to our wonderful VFW News for information concerning the latest happenings in Washington D.C.

Let's "Believe...We Can Do It" as we continue "Reaching for the Stars for Veterans".

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