

## September Legislative Report

### First—Congratulations, ARIZONA!

We did it again! For the third consecutive year, we've won the ***Western Division Legislative Award***. What an incredible testament to our commitment and teamwork.

🎉 **Special kudos to Unit 62** for earning the ***Legislative Unit Western Division Award***! Your dedication continues to inspire.

### 🐾 **Spotlight Campaign: The SAVES Act**

This month, I want to highlight a powerful initiative that deserves our full support:

### **Service Dogs Assisting Veterans (SAVES) Act – H.R. 2605 and S. 1441**

Too many veterans face daily challenges without the critical support they need to heal from both visible and invisible wounds. For those living with physical disabilities, PTSD, or other service-connected conditions, access to trained service dogs can be life-changing—but far too often, it's out of reach.

The American Legion recognizes the profound impact these dogs have. They assist with everyday tasks like retrieving items, opening doors, and providing balance support. Even more remarkably, they can detect and respond to medical emergencies such as seizures or panic attacks—offering safety, independence, and emotional comfort.

That's why we support the SAVES Act, grounded in Resolution No. 134: Service Dogs for Injured Service Personnel and Veterans with Mental Health Conditions. This legislation proposes a five-year pilot program for the VA to award grants to nonprofits that:

- Provide trained service dogs to eligible veterans
- Cover the cost of training
- Offer lifelong veterinary insurance

By backing this bill, we reaffirm our commitment to enhancing veterans' quality of life through innovative, compassionate support.

### 🔔 **How You Can Help**

Let's rally together through grassroots advocacy!

1. Visit the [American Legion Grassroots Action Center](#)
2. Select the **SAVES Act** campaign
3. Submit your support—it's just one easy step!
4. While you're there, consider submitting support for other campaigns too!

 **Once you've submitted, text or email me with "I DID IT!"**


Include your name, phone number, or email, and you'll be entered into a drawing for a beautiful gift to be delivered at Fall Conference!

**Let's show Congress that Arizona is in the House!**

Service, not Self,

*Kathy Amery*

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