



August 2025 Legislative Bulletin


Greetings, ALA Family!

I hope you're staying cool and hydrated during this sizzling summer—especially those of you in the Valley. Hang in there... August is here, and relief is on the horizon!


I'm honored to once again serve as your Legislative Representative for Arizona. Thank you, Madam President, for the opportunity to continue this important work. We made incredible strides last year, and I'm confident we'll keep that momentum going strong.

To kick things off, I thought I'd share a little Q&A based on comments I've heard while working with our amazing members:


1. Why should I care about the legislative process?

 Our preamble reminds us “to participate in and contribute to the aims and purposes of the American Legion.” Every time we recite it, we reaffirm our commitment to support and contribute however we can. Legislative advocacy is one of the simplest and most impactful ways to do just that.


2. But Ms. Kathy, I don't get involved in politics.

 I hear you—and you're not alone. But this isn't about politics. It's about standing up for our veterans, active-duty military, and their families. The ALA's legislative agenda is designed to protect and enhance their lives. That's our mission, and it transcends party lines.


3. I don't have a computer, so I can't participate.

 No problem! If you have a cell phone, you're in business. Sign up for the Grassroots Action Center, and you'll receive text alerts. Just tap the link, read the alert, and with one click, your message goes straight to your representatives. Easy, fast, and powerful.

4. I don't understand all the bills and legislative jargon.

 That's exactly why the Grassroots Action Center exists—it breaks everything down into plain language so you can understand what's at stake and take action with confidence.

? 5. What is *The Dispatch*, and who should subscribe?

 *The Dispatch* is a monthly e-newsletter packed with stories, updates, and inspiration from across the ALA. It's delivered straight to your inbox and includes clickable headlines that link to full articles on the Digital Dispatch website. If you want to stay informed and energized, this is a must-read. Remember our preamble? Staying engaged is part of living it!

? 6. What kind of things are we supporting?

 I'm so glad you asked! Here are just a few of the pending bills that need our support:

- **Service Dogs Assisting Veterans (SAVES) Act** – Expands access to trained service dogs for veterans with physical disabilities, PTSD, and other service-connected conditions.
- **SHIPS for America Act** – Strengthens U.S. maritime security through improved shipbuilding and harbor infrastructure.
- **GI Bill Parity Act** – Ensures National Guard and Reserve members receive equal GI Bill benefits for their service.
- **Major Richard Star Act** – Eliminates the unfair offset that penalizes combat-injured veterans by reducing their retirement pay.
- **Love Lives On Act** – Supports Gold Star Spouses by removing the heartbreaking choice between remarriage and losing benefits.

You can explore these and more at the [American Legion Grassroots Action Center](#).

When you tell a veteran “thank you for your service,” I’ve heard them respond, “You were worth it.” Aren’t they worth a few minutes of your time to sign up and support these legislative efforts?

Let’s keep showing up, speaking out, and standing strong for those who served. I’m proud to walk this path with you.

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime with questions or for help—I’d be happy to speak with you.

Service, not Self,

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