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### LEGISLATION

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The elections are over and regardless of our personal reactions on the results, we need to proceed working with our legislators to get bills passed which make life better for Veterans, active duty military and their families. Each year, 300-400 resolutions (with legislative intent) are brought before the American Legion at National Convention! After reviewing each resolution, the American Legion Legislative Division narrows its focus down to 20-30 key issues.

How can the American Legion Auxiliary assist in promoting these 20-30 key legislative issues? More importantly, how do we even know what bills the American Legion is promoting or opposing? We need to be informed and educated on a regular basis.

Bookmark TAL Legislative page at [www.legion.org/legislative](http://www.legion.org/legislative). Check the site weekly!

When immediate support or opposition to certain bills in Congress is needed---sign up at [www.capwiz.com/legion/mlm/signup](http://www.capwiz.com/legion/mlm/signup). If you only do one thing, make sure this is it. You will occasionally receive a "**Legislative Alert**" letting you know a key vote is about to take place and your legislator needs to hear from you now!

KUDOS goes out to Apple Valley Unit 1776 in the Third District! Maryalyce McCabe, their Unit President and Legislative Chairman reviewed legislative bills at their August meeting and members selected two bills to concentrate on during this Auxiliary year. Updates are given at each meeting and time is allotted to write or contact Congressman Jason Lewis. The bills they selected were: HR 4312 Fallen Warrior Battlefield Cross Memorial Act and HR 299 Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2017. Congratulations Unit 1776 on your legislative activity! Your actions also support Goal 4 (Strengthen Departments and Units) of the Long Range Strategic Plan.

In closing, I'd like to thank those unit and district legislation chairmen who sent me a note for our Department's Midyear Legislation Report to be sent to both the Northwest Division Legislation Chairman and National Legislation Chairman. Keep gathering information and photos regarding interaction with your legislators.

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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