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LEGISLATION

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I did share the below information with our District Legislation Chairman but I wanted to share it also in our unit mailing. The more we share this information it has a better chance to get to all our unit members. As a **TEAM** we will help get Legislation passed by contacting our representatives both on the State and National level.

I received this information from our Northwestern Legislative Chairman Gayla Schmid and she wanted me to share with our District Chairman and with our members.

The legislative program is to maintain communication between your Senators and Representatives on both State and National levels to help the American Legion in their legislation. The information to them and to our members on important issues concerning, veterans' benefits, families of our veterans, and for the disabled veterans.

By calling, writing, or emailing our representatives in our State and National Government we can a vote, from negative to positive. To let them know we are supporting our veterans and the issues they face.

There are so many ways you can help our Veteran's this is just one way but maybe the most important way to help. At National Convention, our President Donald Trump signed the "Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017". This was only accomplished thru the efforts of contacting your representatives and the promise that Donald Trump made our veteran's.

Your National Program Action Plan for ALA Legislative is available on the ALA National web site at www.alaforveterans.org . I also encourage you to sign up for the American Legion Auxiliary E-Bulletin at www.alaforveterans.org . There is valuable information there about our programs, events, and communications. Let's get this information out to our ALA Units, as this is where the ALA mission outreach work is being done. I would also like to encourage you to promote the **ALA LEGISLATIVE** Face book page and encourage your units to do so as well. Please share these pages with your units:

- Go to www.legion.org/newslettersand subscribe to the "E-Newsletters". Then scroll down to the page to LEGISLATIVE and click on subscribe. This will allow you to receive the Legion's advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill.
- Go to www.legion.org/dispatch and subscribe to Digital Dispatch.
- Go to www.capwiz.com/legion/mlm/signup/ this will allow you to sign up for Action Alerts and give you access to a list of elected officials, legislative issues and much more info.

There are several bills coming up: S143 - Military Spouse Job Continuity Act; S473 – Educational Development for Troops and Veterans Act¹²; S844 – GI Bill Fairness Act⁴. Under National Security, H.R 333 – Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act³⁸; H.R. 279 – Military Family Stability Act of 2017. Under Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation: S1467 – Wounded Warrior Workforce Enhancement; S1266 – Enhancing Veterans Care Act²;

The list is too long to name them all, visit <http://capwiz.com/legion/issues/bills/> for more information.

On the above bills, please take time to email, call or write your representatives, if we are not there to support our Veterans and their families who **will!**

Remember President Donna’s theme we are “Lighting Veterans Paths.”

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email or call me.

I would like to wish all our members a **Happy Thanksgiving** and a **Merry Christmas** with your family and friends. If you are traveling during the holidays, I wish you safe travels.

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