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The Legislative Program provides information and assistance to American Legion Auxiliary members to advocate for the legislative agenda of The American Legion.

Please remember to never express personal opinions when you are contacting elected officials/staff as you are advocating on behalf of the American Legion, not your own personal agenda.

Contacting our elected officials is easy! Personal contact is always best so mark your calendar for **April 20, 2020**. This is Minnesota **Veterans Day on the Hill** held at the State Capitol in St. Paul. Attend the ceremony and make appointments to meet with your state legislators in the afternoon. It is a great day advocating for veterans. Please plan to attend.

Hand written letters, telephone calls, and office visits are all still appropriate, but, emails, texts, Messages and tweets are all acceptable as well.

When you make contact, clearly identify yourself as a constituent, keep it short and concise, cite facts, be respectful and thank them for their time.

You want it to be a positive experience to garner positive results whether now or in the future. Our veterans and enhancing their lives are what matters and serving it up with honey will have much better results than serving it with vinegar.

You may also send a message through The American Legion's Action Center. If you subscribe to the Legion's Action Alerts, you will receive a notification when a vote is near, and your voice is especially needed. With one click, you will be able to send a message, written by the Legion legislative staff, to your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators. It doesn't get any easier than that!

We NEED you to join us in advocating for the Legislative Agenda of The American Legion. Congress needs to hear all our voices now more than ever to protect the benefits and programs for our veterans, our active military and their families.

I have listed many resources for information in the Unit Guide and in our Unit Mailings. Please check it out & utilize them. Follow the websites & social media accounts of your legislators- see where they stand on our issues.

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Are you connected to Facebook? Our National Legislative Chairman, Norma Tramm (MN) & the National Legislative Committee is! On the second Monday of every month they will post a Monthly Monday Legislative Message providing the most recent information on Federal legislation or “how to” tips, which you can in turn, share with your Facebook friends to reach a larger audience.

Search for **ALA Legislative** and follow the page. I will be sharing these posts on the American Legion Auxiliary - Department of Minnesota Facebook page as well. Watch for the “calls to action” and contact those elected officials, letting them know that the American Legion Family will hold them accountable on how they vote for our veterans.

Patti Coleman, Legislative Chair