

VFW PRIORITY GOALS FOR 2009-10

NATIONAL SECURITY & FOREIGN AFFAIRS

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE

- Seek to improve the quality of life for all active and Reserve Component members and their families
- Provide a military base pay raise to restore full comparability with private sector wages
- Support efforts to lower the Reserve Component retirement pay age to 55
- Oppose TRICARE fee increases

DEFENSE / HOMELAND SECURITY

- Support U.S. troops and their mission to prosecute the war on terrorism around the world
- Increase defense spending to fund personnel initiatives, troop end strength requirements, and needed weapons programs
- Halt the development and/or proliferation of nuclear weapons or material, and urge the continued development and deployment of a ballistic missile defense system
- Secure U.S. borders, shorelines and all ports of entry

POW / MIA

- Achieve the fullest possible accounting of all U.S. military personnel missing from our nation's wars
- Ensure the U.S. Government keeps the POW/MIA issue elevated as a national priority
- Urge the President and Congress to fully fund the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command through a dedicated single line item appropriation in the defense budget