Support today’s veterans and military

Help us ensure an adequate VA system will be there for the millions of current and future veterans.

When you visit your congressional representatives, please stress these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 116th Congress. These goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary. To find out who your congressional representatives are, visit vfw.org/actioncorps.

Play a role in the process

Ensure that these Priority Goals are enacted. Sign up today for the VFW’s Action Corps Weekly e-newsletter at vfw.org/actioncorps.

Delivering the promise to our veterans, service members, and their families.

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To ensure service members and veterans receive timely access to high-quality health care without increasing cost shares, Congress, VA and DOD must:

- Properly implement the VA Mission Act of 2018.
- Reduce the number of service members and veterans who die by suicide.
- Preserve the integrity of TRICARE.
- Modernize VA and DOD health IT systems.
- Strengthen health care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injuries (TBI).
- Expand gender-specific programs and competencies.
- Research and effectively treat health conditions associated with toxic exposures.
- Prevent the increase of pharmaceutical copayments and remove copayment requirements for preventative medicines.
- Research the efficacy of medical cannabis.
- Expand telehealth services.
- Make nursing home eligibility part of the VA health benefits package.
- Keep community care reimbursement rates competitive with private health insurance.

To ensure veterans succeed after leaving military service, they must have access to:

- High-quality and sustainable education benefits.
- Strong employment and training programs.
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment services throughout their lifetime.
- Small business development opportunities.
- Civilian credentials or academic credit for military training.
- Hiring preferences in the civil service and with large government contractors.
- National veterans treatment court advocates.
- Education and training in new and expanding career fields.
- Timely and improved transition assistance including access to programs for veterans after they leave military service.

To maintain a quality, comprehensive benefits and retirement package that is the backbone for an all-volunteer force, Congress and DOD must:

- Increase military base pay comparability with private sector wages.
- Protect and improve on-base quality of life programs.
- Ensure that military housing is safe and free of toxic substances.
- End the military retirement pay and VA disability compensation offset.
- Eliminate the Survivor Benefit Plan/Dependency and Indemnity Compensation offset.
- Eliminate the government’s Thrift Savings Plan contribution.
- Establish the Armed Forces University.
- Improve stability and support for military families.

To fully support U.S. troops and their mission to fight the war on terrorism and protect our nation’s citizens and interests around the world, Congress, DOD and DHS must:

- Secure America’s borders.
- Preserve the all-volunteer force.
- Maintain a substantial military presence in the Republic of Korea.