

# VFW to Deliver 2020 Priority Goals to Congress

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**WASHINGTON** – More than 500 members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and its Auxiliary will descend on the nation’s capital March 1-4 to meet with their respective members of Congress to discuss ways to best serve our veterans, service members and military families.

VFW National Commander William “Doc” Schmitz will testify March 4 at 10 a.m. (EST) before a special joint hearing of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans’ Affairs.

“It’s vital that the VFW is provided this platform to discuss our key priorities and explain how we can best achieve them with Congress’ full support,” Schmitz said. “My hope is that Congress hears me, but most-importantly, hears our members who will circle the halls of the Capitol this week fighting for critical veterans’ issues in their states and communities.”

Schmitz is prepared to discuss the VFW’s top priorities for 2020. These key legislative priorities include:

- Toxic Exposures and Other Environmental Hazards
- VA Appeals Modernization
- MISSION Act Community Care
- POW/MIA Accounting Mission
- Women Veterans Concerns
- Mental Health Treatment and Suicide Prevention Measures
- Military Sexual Trauma Efforts

Read the VFW’s complete list of 2020 Priority Goals [here](#).

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The House Veterans Affairs Committee will livestream this year's testimony at [youtube.com/watch?v=DHh65cbFpFQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHh65cbFpFQ). Look for the hashtag #VFWDC2020 to follow the conference on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Visit [vfw.org](https://www.vfw.org) for all legislative conference updates beginning Sunday.