



LEGISLATIVE 2011-2012 Plan of Action

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Pod: Veteran/Military Support and Advocacy

Purpose: To train and inform ALA members to become advocates for Veterans and families with all elected officials by supporting the legislative agenda and initiatives of the American Legion.

Department Level Objectives:

1. Objective:

To promote support of the American Legion priorities or agendas by the American Legion Auxiliary members.

Action Steps or Activities:

Know the American Legion priorities by visiting the American Legion website at <http://legion.org/legislative> to find the latest information.

2. Objective:

To act on the priorities

Action Steps or Activities:

Distribute information by-

- Unit mailing
- Wisconsin ALA in newspaper Legionnaire
- Unit meetings
- Internet to other Pod chairmen

3. Objective:

Contact your Representative or Senator

Action Steps:

1. <http://capwiz.com/legion/dbq/officials>
2. Write - Mail to District Office or State office. Sometimes mail doesn't get through it at Washington office.
3. Call Local/District Representatives or Legislators.
4. Email. In your own words and not subject to interpretation.
5. Attend a town hall meeting.
6. Report back on response received.

7. Use 2011-2012 Legislative Council update form (each of Wisconsin District Legislative Committee members).
8. Dispatch (see Resources)

Contests and Awards:

Unit Legislative Awards:

A citation presented to the Unit Chairman in each Division reporting the most outstanding overall Legislative program. Each entry must be typewritten in narrative form, not to exceed 500 words. You are encouraged to include pictures and newspaper articles. The winning report will be forwarded to the Central Division chairman for further judging.

All entries must be sent to the Department Chairman Florence Wasley, 415 West Chapel Street, Dodgeville, Wisconsin 53533 by May 10, 2012.

Resources:

1. Dispatch is publication published 12 times a year. Keeps you informed on National Security/Foreign Relations, Economic and Legislative issues, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. Published by the American Legion. A 12-month subscription is \$15.00 or you can read it online. (<http://www.legion.org/dispatch>).
2. American Legion Auxiliary Legislative Advocacy Guide: This contains important information about advocacy, building relationships, issues, personal visits, building rapport with Congressional staff, communicating with your legislators, sample letters and legislative websites. (www.ALForVeterans.org).
3. Congress for Kids: Interactive, fun-filled experiences designed to help grades 4-12 to learn about the foundation of our federal government and how its action affects them. (<http://www.congressforkids.net/index.html>).
4. ALA e-News: Sign up for email delivery at www.ALForVeterans.org to receive this monthly newsletter.
5. Members of Congress can be found at www.senate.gov and www.house.gov.