

2021 - 2022 Texas American Legion Auxiliary Program Action Plan

This Legislative program provides information, assistance and challenges to Texas American Legion Auxiliary members to advocate for the legislative agenda of the American Legion and U.S. Veterans.

NOTE: This year will be an extension of the unique circumstances our world continues to endure. We must remain flexible and durable due to COVID 19 and its impact on our organization and all our Legion family members and programs.

Texans are nothing if not flexible and determined and 2021 - 2022 will be no different than any other challenging year we have already met in our history. Communication will continue to play an extremely important role and may not be face to face but it must be sincere and encouraging.

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The most important role of Legislative committee members and all Auxiliary members is to become more knowledgeable across the board in the American Legion priorities.

Key documents, web sites, guides include the following:

Legislative Action Alerts - Submit via www.capwiz.com/legion/mlm/signup

Order the ALA Legislative Advocacy Guide – Via www.ALAforVeterans.org

Visit the Legion's website – www.legion.org/legislative

Always remember that we are apolitical. That does not mean we cannot have political speakers but ALL speakers must be invited and all must be treated fairly.

Get to know your Senators and your Congressional Representatives both National and in Texas. YOU are their key to knowing about veteran issues and those of their families. Be the GO-TO person for those offices when it comes to veteran affairs.

Connect with other community activities and ensure the American Legion priorities are known by all and attend their meetings so it is a two- way street sharing legislative issues.

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Ensure the American Legion Auxiliary is well known for the positive work it does in any given community. In other words, the positive work, we do in our communities.

Legislative Reporting:

Mid-Year Reports reflect the program work of units in the department, and are intended as an opportunity for mid-year correction. The Department Legislative Committee Chair is required to submit a narrative report to the Southern Division Legislative Chair. Units should submit your mid-year report no later than December 15, 2021. All units submitting a report will receive a certificate.

Year-End or Annual Reports reflect the program work of units in the Department. Each Department Legislative Committee Chair is required to submit a narrative report to the Southern Division Legislative Chair. Units should submit their year-end report no later than May 1, 2022. All units submitting a report will receive a certificate.

Most Outstanding Unit Legislative Program – National Award deadline June 1, 2022. Guidelines and Award Cover Sheet Submission Form attached to this Plan.

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