

## **2020-2021 Texas American Legion Auxiliary Program Action Plan**

### **LEGISLATIVE**

**This Legislative program provides information, assistance and challenges to Texas American Legion members, especially those who have been tasked with the implementation and improvement of the Texas Legislative program.**

**NOTE: This Legion year will be unique in many ways and our Legislative efforts must remain flexible and durable due to COVID 19 and its impact on our organization and its parts and all our Legion family members and programs.**

**Texans are nothing if not flexible and determined and 2020-2021 will be no different than any other challenging year we have already met in our history. Communication may not be face to face but it must be sincere and encouraging. Work may not be in groups of more than 10 but then it only takes 10 to play basketball and that works well they tell me...our boys were hockey players!**

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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 - Sub via [www.capwiz.com/legion/mlm/signup](http://www.capwiz.com/legion/mlm/signup)**

**Order the ALA Legislative Advocacy Guide – Via [www.ALForVeterans.org](http://www.ALForVeterans.org)**

**Visit the Legion's website – [www.legion.org/legislative](http://www.legion.org/legislative)**

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**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 Representative. 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.**

**Ensure the American Legion is well known for the positive work it (we) do in any given community.**

**Once a year, the American Legion leadership storms the hill in Washington and this will be no exception. Every state had an Auxiliary member present in 2020...but Texas had 2. The Legion side paid for the 2019-2021 Legislative Chair for she is Co-Chair of a National Committee that meets in DC. We got double time with our Senators and Congressman...and of course, followed it up with fact sheets and thank you notes!**

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**Texas is unique in many ways and one is the fact that our State Legislature only meets every other year. 2021 is THE year for all to hit Austin. The State Legion will be sharing the date soon and please plan on attending and bringing a great team to walk the halls. You will receive information packets on what to say (and not say!) and it will be GREAT!**

**Keep your eyes open and your smiles bright. It will be a great year!**

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY**

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