

## Legislative Program

2024-2025

- SUPPORT AN ONGOING VFW WASHINGTON WEEKLY REGISTRATION DRIVE
- SIGN UP FOR GOVTRACK.US
- NLS CHAIRMAN QUARTERLY REPORT
- NUMBER OF NEW WASHINGTON WEEKLY SUBSCRIPTIONS
- MONTHLY NLS COMMITTEE MEMBER/CHAIRMAN REPORT SUBMITTED TO NLS IN WASHINGTON D.C.

The location of our Washington, D.C. office allows us to monitor all legislation affecting veterans, alert VFW membership to key legislation under consideration and to actively lobby Congress and the administration on veterans' issues.

Everything we do on Capitol Hill is with the VFW's priority goals and veterans' well-being in Mind. With the strength of the nearly 2 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliaries, **our voice on "the Hill" cannot be ignored!**

### WHAT WE DO:

The VFW's National Legislative Service advocates on veteran's behalfs. By testifying at congressional committee hearings and interacting with congressional members, the VFW has played an instrumental role in nearly every piece of veterans' legislation passed since the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

The VFW's most successful and important legislative push was to make college education affordable for military service members with the signing of the 1944 GI Bill of Rights, the Montgomery GI Bill in 1984, and the new Post-9/11 GI Bill in 2008.

**National Legislative Chairman is Lee Hursey – 316-644-4441 – vfwks01@gmail.com**

The National Legislative Chairman works with our VFW National Office and our Congress people and Senators in Washington DC. Ensures that the Kansas VFW membership is kept apprised of bills and legislation that the VFW deems priority as is a representative at the DC Legislative Conference in March. Also submits a quarterly report to Our National VFW Legislative team. Supports the Washington Weekly subscription drive.

**State Legislative Co-Chairman is Herb Schwartzkopf - 785-272-6463  
Jim Karleskint – 785-550-4298**

The State Legislative Chairman works with our Kansas State VFW HQ, and our Kansas State Congress people and Senators in Topeka, KS. Ensures that the Kansas VFW membership is kept apprised of bills and legislation that the VFW deems priority. Works in conjunction with our National Legislative Chairperson to ensure we are not supporting conflicting legislation. A spokesperson for the VFW at Capitol functions and ceremonies.

Anytime you vote or contact your representative in any way may be counted towards Legislative projects. Hosting a local or National Political forum at your post, hosting a voting booth or GET OUT THE VOTE DRIVES all count as projects.