

STATE of MICHIGAN VFW

2025-2026 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Department State legislative priorities are developed based on resolutions adopted by our State Convention delegates on state issues of concern to Michigan veterans. These resolutions are then used, in consultation with the other members of the Michigan Commanders Group of State Veterans Service Organizations, to establish a list of Commanders Group endorsed Legislative Priorities. State legislative priorities are pursued by the Department leadership team and the Department Legislative Director, generally in concert with the other members of the Commanders Group and the Commanders Group Legislative Committee.

The VFW of Michigan, while a member of the Commanders Group, may endorse State legislative concerns independent of those endorsed by the Commanders Group that are consistent with State Convention endorsed resolutions.

State Legislative Priorities from the Commanders Group are posted on this page. Endorsed resolutions from the 2025 State Convention are also posted on this page.

National legislative priorities are developed by the VFW National Legislative Service based on National Convention supported resolutions on national issues of concern to America's veterans in the areas of national security and veterans benefits. National legislative priorities are pursued by VFW National Legislative Service, VFW National Officers and the State leadership team and the State representative on the National Legislative Committee.

National VFW Legislative Priorities are posted on this page. National proposed resolutions endorsed by the 2025 State Convention are also posted are on this page.

The State Legislative Team will keep our members informed of our State and National Legislative efforts through regular communications via alerts on the website, alerts and updates on the State Facebook page, updates published in the MOV and the State General Orders.

REPORTING AND AWARDS:

The following points are key to fulfilling our legislative goals at both the state and national level:

- Leaders at every level of the VFW should encourage all new and existing members to enroll for the VFW Action Corps weekly,
- We must educate our members on our state and national legislative priority issues,
- We must encourage members to communicate regularly with their local, state and national elected officials on issues of concern to veterans, especially our state and national priority issues,
- Insist on courteous and professional advocacy on behalf of our legislative priorities,
- Encourage regular and timely reporting by Post leaders of all legislative communications through the Department online reporting feature.

State Legislative Program Awards will be on the following membership Divisions which shall be based on the June 30, 2025 National Membership report:

- Division I 10 – 65 members
- Division II 66 – 125 members
- Division III 126 – 225 members
- Division IV 226 members and over

The top three (3) Posts in each of the membership divisions shall be recognized at the 2026 State Convention for their outstanding leadership in legislative advocacy as demonstrated by the April 30, 2026 State Activity Report for the period May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

The first place Post in each Division shall receive a plaque. The second & third place Posts in each Division will each receive a citation from the State Commander at the 2026 State Convention.

Knowledge of the issues and regular communication from our members with our elected officials at every level are key to our effective legislative advocacy. We must have your voice to be effective.

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