

STATE of MICHIGAN VFW

2026-2027 STATE 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 proposed State legislative actions 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 the Department website Program page and will be updated as changes occur.

Endorsed resolutions from previous State Conventions that have continued support and legislative action are also posted on the Program page.

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

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, 2026 National Membership report:

- Division I Under 50 members
- Division II 51 - 90 members
- Division III 91 – 139 members
- Division IV 140 members and over

The top three (3) Posts in each of the membership divisions shall be recognized for their outstanding leadership in legislative advocacy as demonstrated by the June 30, 2027 State Activity Report for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

The top three Posts in each Division will each receive a Citation from the State Commander. Post awards will be presented at the first District meetings following 2027 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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