

Northwestern Division Legislative Bulletin



**NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE
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We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

March 2021

Greetings Department Legislative Chairmen,

Welcome to March and warmer weather. In Minnesota we will probably have a lot of snow, but not the cold we had in February.

I am writing the message this month to clarify the information that you all received along with the members of your department that have chosen to be part of the American Legion Auxiliary's Legislative Council.

It is hoped that you might find members of your department that will fill the open spots in the spreadsheet that you received listing Representatives and Senators. As we all know personal contact is the best way to encourage support for veteran issues. Our elected officials respond best to those members that are able to vote for them making it very important to locate members in all the congressional districts of your department to advocate for The American Legion Legislative Agenda. Please send me the ALA members name and contact information and the representative with whom they will be connecting.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE: Although we cannot be in DC this year, I am so happy that we still can obtain information. If your schedule does not allow you to attend the sessions virtually you can find information on the legion website: www.legion.org just put Washington Conference in the search box.

The American Legion National Commander Bill Oxford will testify in front of a joint hearing of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs' Committees on Thursday March 4, 2021 at 10:00 AM Eastern time. If you are not able to watch live, the message will be posted on the Legion website.

CONNECTING WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS: One of the best parts of the Washington Conference is the 'day on the hill' that will not be possible this year. However you can contact your Department Legislative Chairman and determine how you can participate with them to communicate our legislative agenda to our elected officials. A united message shows elected officials that we have the same goals.

The ALA communication with our Representatives and Senators is continuous. We are the best at staying in touch and letting them know the needs of our veterans, military and their families.

The ALA Legislative Committee will continue to share detailed information on The American Legion Legislative Agenda for the 117th Congress in the coming months. Check out information on the Legislative Facebook page especially the next video which will be Monday March 8th. Please feel free to share information on the Facebook page and encourage your members to like us. Remember to answer the three questions so you will easily be accepted.

Thanks so much for all you do as the mission of the ALA Legislative program is fulfilled because of your dedication.

For God and Country

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