

October Legislative Report

Spotlight Campaign: Urgent Action Needed — Tell Congress to Fully Fund the Government and Protect Veterans' Services

This month, I'm spotlighting a critical initiative that demands our immediate attention. I had hoped this issue would resolve on its own—but it hasn't.

Congress missed a key deadline to pass full government funding, and as a result, the government is now shut down. This failure has real consequences: essential services and benefits for military and veteran families are being disrupted, leaving those who've served our nation without the support they've earned.

Why This Matters

- The American Legion's 2025 Legislative Agenda calls on Congress to fully fund:
- VA health care
- Mental health and suicide prevention programs
- Disability benefits
- As of today, U.S. Coast Guard and active-duty personnel are performing essential missions without pay—while members of Congress continue to receive their salaries.
- Veterans and their families depend on government stability to ensure uninterrupted claims processing, community care, and access to benefits.

Congress must act responsibly. Delays in funding directly harm those who've sacrificed for our country. This moment is not about party politics—it's about doing what's right for Arizona's veterans.

How You Can Help

Let's rally together through grassroots advocacy:

1. Visit the [American Legion Grassroots Action Center](#)
2. Select the **Protect Veterans Services campaign- Open our Government**
3. Submit your support, it only takes a minute!
4. While you're there, consider supporting other campaigns like **Our Troops Deserve Their Pay Act**

 **Tip: You can personalize your message to Congress—make it count!**

💡 **Tip: You can call our senators they are still taking calls**

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🎁 **Bonus: Fall Conference Giveaway!**

Once you've submitted your support, text or email me with **"I DID IT!"**

Include your name, phone number, or email, and you'll be entered into a drawing for a beautiful gift to be delivered at Fall Conference.

Let's show Congress that Arizona is in the House—and we stand united for our veterans.

Service, not Self,

Kathy Amery

Legislative Chairman

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