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A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families

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How ALA Members Can Participate in Legislative Advocacy Without Engaging in Partisan Politics

The American Legion Auxiliary's Legislative Program is one of the most meaningful ways we fulfill our mission—supporting veterans, military families, and active-duty service members. Many members want to help but worry that "legislative work" means getting involved in politics or choosing sides. It doesn't.

ALA Legislative advocacy is **nonpartisan, mission-focused, and completely accessible** to every member, no matter their personal views. Our goal is simple: ensure lawmakers understand the needs of veterans and their families.

Here's how ALA members can participate confidently and comfortably — without stepping into partisan politics.

1. Focus on Policy, Not Parties or Politicians
ALA advocacy is centered on **veteran-related policy**, not political parties or candidates.
Members support legislation that improves:

- VA healthcare access
- Mental health and suicide prevention
- Caregiver support
- Women veterans' services
- Education and employment resources
- Benefits for military families

These are **human needs**, not political talking points.

2. Use Official American Legion Talking Points
The American Legion provides clear, nonpartisan talking points for every Legislative Alert. Members don't have to write their own arguments or debate policy details — simply use the provided language.



This keeps communication:

- Respectful
- Consistent
- Mission-aligned
- Nonpartisan
- Click here for the priorities https://www.legion.org/advocacy/legislative/legislative-agenda-point-papers

3. Contact Lawmakers as a Constituent, Not a Campaigner
When ALA members reach out to lawmakers, they do so as:

- Volunteers
- Caregivers
- Family members of veterans
- Community advocates
- Not as political supporters.

A simple message like: **"I'm an American Legion Auxiliary member asking you to support legislation that helps veterans access mental health care."** is powerful, non-partisan, and completely appropriate.