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Legislative Plan of Action
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This year we have learned that **BE THE ONE** has had a big impact on veterans, active military and their families. Veterans, active military are so easily forgotten when they come home. There are so many that lose their jobs, homes and even sometimes their families because they come home injured, or so mentally scared that they have trouble readjusting to normal life again. One vote, one letter or even email to your senator or representative could change all this to help veterans and active military get the help they need to de-program them so that they have a chance to live a normal life again. Without some kind of help from us and even our country we take the chance of continuing to lose our veterans and active military to suicide because they have no way of dealing with the trauma they had to deal with while at war. We must do our best to advocate for them and get them heard so they will be able to get the help they need and so greatly deserve. We must inform ourselves and become advocates for our veterans, active military and their families with national, state and local elected officials supporting the legislative agenda and The American Legion (TAL). This plan of action is intended to provide Auxiliary members, Unit and District Chairmen with the tools needed to get the job done and to spread the word to friends, families, business associates and communities on how to contact legislative representatives, as well as keep up to date on those issues which the American Legion has taken a stand - whether for or against. Please take time to thoroughly review the information contained in this Plan of Action and follow through with the **Action Steps** listed. Also provided is a list of **Resources** where information can be obtained so that members can keep abreast of current issues concerning our veterans and active military. I am always available to you for information you may need to get the job done. I would also like to receive information from members regarding legislative issues affecting our veterans and active military. Should you have any questions please contact me for assistance. Together we can keep the public aware of those issues affecting our veterans, active military and their families.

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Unit Award: for the most outstanding unit legislative program (per) division. All unit entries must be submitted by the department chairman via electronic form by 5:00 pm est. June 1st. Note you will receive a confirmation when your award is submitted. Unit members should follow instructions from their department national award link <https://www.legion-aux.org/National-Awards-Form>

Department Award: Best Department Legislative program (per division)

All department entries must be submitted by department chairman via electronic form by 5:00 pm (EST) June 1st, 2024. Note: you will receive confirmation when your award is submitted. National Awards form link <https://www.legion-aux.org/National-Awards-Form>. Please note- when applicable unit and department deadlines differ.

Questions? contact legislative@alaforveterans.org

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