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Northwestern Division

Colorado, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota,
South Dakota, and Wyoming

Welcome!

My name is Tracy Trujillo (Department of Colorado), and I am honored to be the Northwestern Division Legislative Committee Chair for 2022-2023. As a granddaughter of a WWII veteran, the daughter of a Vietnam era veteran, and the sister of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran, I am personally vested in the legislative action regarding Mental Health Care, TBI/PTSS, Minority Veterans, MST Survivors, Future of VA Health Care, and Caregivers.

All legislative issues regarding veterans, service personnel and military families are extremely important, but when a specific issue(s) effects your loved one's care and future, the fight becomes deeply personal. I am truly blessed to be working with other passionate and caring women that form the Northwestern Division Team on something so very important to my family.

The Northwestern Division Legislative Team is composed of the following individuals: Terri Clinton (Department of Colorado), Judy Ackerman (Department of Minnesota), Chris Nelson (Department of Montana), Loree Hendrickson (Department of Nebraska), Marcy Schmidt (Department of North Dakota), Carol Edwards (Department of South Dakota), and Sherry Bushman (Department of Wyoming). As the Northwestern Division Legislative Chair, I look forward to the NW Legislative team working together to advocate for our veterans, active service personnel, and their families.

The American Legion legislative agenda is the cornerstone of the ALA Legislative Committee commitment *to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion (American Legion Auxiliary preamble).*

[The American Legion Legislative Agenda for the 117th Congress, 2nd Session | The American Legion](#)

Other valuable information supporting the American Legion legislative agenda can be accessed via the following links:

[Advocacy Guide \(legion-aux.org\)](#)

[Legislative Committee \(legion-aux.org\)](#)

[Legislative Center | The American Legion](#)

[Action Center \(votervoice.net\)](http://votervoice.net)
[Digital Dispatch | The American Legion](#)
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I urge each team member to access the American Legion legislative agenda and supporting resources. Please share the agenda and supporting material with the members in your Department.

Also, I request that all Department Legislative Chairs review the Legislative Mini-Council Sheet, and if applicable, submit the completed form to the Legislative Program Coordinator. For your convenience, I have attached the form.

Each month, a NW Legislative newsletter will be sent to the Department Chairs, Department Secretaries, and once the Red Book is updated, Department Presidents will be included in the correspondence. In the monthly correspondence, any updates stemming from the American Legion Legislative Agenda will be highlighted. ZOOM meetings will be held quarterly...stay tuned for those dates. In addition, I would like to 'introduce' one NW legislative team member. YOU are an essential part of the advocacy process and a valued member of our organization! In the upcoming months, I will reach out to learn more about each of you and your commitment to our great organization. The introduction in the upcoming newsletter will be brief – a line or two describing who you are (not necessarily what leadership positions you have held) and what makes you a unique member of this team.

To start off the introduction, I will share a bit about myself. I have a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting. My not-so-secret guilty pleasure is watching the program, *Snapped*, while eating ice cream from the carton.

I look forward to learning about you in our individual conversations! If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please feel free to contact me anytime.

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Blessings,

Tracy Trujillo
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