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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.

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4. Participate in Grassroots Advocacy
Grassroots Advocacy is the easiest way to stay informed without getting pulled into politics. https://www.legion-aux.org/Grassroots-Action-Center
Members receive:

- Short, clear Legislative Alerts
- Issue summaries
- Who to contact
- Sample messages
- Instructions for taking action

Most actions take **under 5 minutes** and require **no political engagement**.

5. Stay Mission-Focused
ALA members advocate because:

- Veterans deserve strong support
- Military families need resources
- Communities benefit when service members thrive

When we stay rooted in our mission, advocacy remains positive, respectful, and non-political.

6. Remember: Advocacy Is Service
Just like volunteering at a VA, sewing quilts, or supporting a military family, legislative advocacy is **another form of service**.

It ensures the programs we care about continue to exist — and that veterans receive the care, dignity, and respect they earned.

Submitted by Kathy Amery, Western Division Chair

Our Purpose

The purpose of the Legislative Committee is to provide information and assistance to American Legion Auxiliary members to advocate for the legislative agenda of The American Legion.

SAVE THE DATES

Legislative Quarterly Zooms

Q1 - October 14, 2026, at 7:00 PM ET

Department Chairs register here: https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/legislative_quarterly

Q2 - January 26, 2027, at 7:00 PM ET
Q3 - April 27, 2027, at 7:00 PM ET

Washington, DC Conference: February 27-March 3, 2027

2026-2027 Mission Training and National Junior Meetings

November 14, 2026 –Omaha, NE*
January 30, 2027– Albany, NY* and Springfield, IL
February 6, 2027 – Atlanta, GA and Las Vegas, NV*

*Events will be held with The American Legion National Information Conference and the SAL Regional Meeting.

Register at: https://www.legion-aux.org/Meetings/Mission-Train



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