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**Promotional # 2 – July 2016**

**TO: AUXILIARY AND DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMEN:**

As I said in Promotional #1 Bette Jean Biedrzycki is our Legislative Ambassador. For our newer members the National Ambassador is the person our National President, Colette Bishop, has appointed to guide all of the Departments in their perspective chairmanships. Needless to say, they have wisdom, and insight into their Chairmanship that they have been appointed to. Just as the Western Conference Chairmen have skills and knowledge to pass on to us. Therefore, much of what I pass on to you, will come from them! Makes sense, right? In my last promotional I quoted Mrs. Biedrzycki on what she was most passionate about when it came to the Legislative Program. This promotional, I will quote her on the question, “If you could talk to every Auxiliary member at one time, what would you tell them about your program”? Mrs. Biedrzycki responded with this: “Legislative activism is everyone’s responsibility. We must become familiar with the issues and the VFW’s solutions. We must make sure our elected officials not only understand the issues – most of them do – but they must be provided the solution as well. That is our job in this program.” She goes on to give us resources for our program. For example, Action Corps Weekly-a weekly e-newsletter produced by our Washington, D.C., legislative staff. It lets us know what is happening on Capitol Hill in regards to our veteran’s issues. Other resources can be found on the VFW website-[www.vfw.org/VFW-in-DC/Action-Corps/](http://www.vfw.org/VFW-in-DC/Action-Corps/), and [www.vfw.org/VAWatch/](http://www.vfw.org/VAWatch/). After our Council of Administration meeting next month I will have the resources to e-mail these links to all of the Auxiliary & District Chairman that have e-mail.

One of the Legislative program goals this year is the VFW Priority Goals. The goals are grouped under eight areas of concern: VA Health Care, suicides and Homelessness, VA Compensation and Benefits, Seamless Transition, Education and Employment, Defense and Homeland Security, Military Quality of Life and POW/MIA. These goals are on your monthly reporting form with promotional #1. Please use the above resources and start making a plan on how you and your Auxiliary/District are going to assist your veterans in contacting our law makers! After National Convention in Charlotte North Carolina, next month (I hope to see a lot of New Mexico there!), I will have more information for you! In the meantime, please call, email or text me if you have any questions! Again, thank you for your time and dedication to this amazing program!

May God bless you and yours, and may He Continue to bless the United States of America! Thank you! Kelly

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