



Department of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars National Legislative Overview 2024-2025

We are Rich Cassey Jr and Jess King, your VFW National Legislative Representatives for the Department of Pennsylvania. We have been appointed by State Commander Loncar to represent ALL veterans and their families from the State of Pennsylvania, in Washington DC. This is an extreme honor that has been bestowed upon us, and we take fighting for veterans' legislation very seriously!

There is a wide variety of legislation that we as a National Legislative Team are working on with guidance from our VFW DC office. These bills impact suicide, female veterans' healthcare, and MST (Military Sexual Trauma), retirement pay and claim sharks who are working loopholes to take you hard earned entitlements (if you let them). These are just a few examples of the legislation that we on the VFW National Legislative Team continue to fight for.

Recently, the Honoring Our PACT Act was passed and put into law. This is one of the largest pieces of legislation to ever get passed to benefit our veterans! The PACT Act covers many veterans, from various time frames, that served and/or are still serving in different areas around the world. Pieces of legislation like this only get passed with the help of all of YOU! Please contact an Accredited VFW Service Officer, to see if you qualify for benefits under the PACT Act.

We need YOU to help US help our fellow Comrades and their Families by signing up for Action Corps (see next page). Action Corp let's YOUR voice be heard. It is a direct link to some of the legislation, we as the VFW National Legislative Team, are working on. Action Corps also gives you a POW/MIA weekly update.

Signing up for Action Corps is important and may be done by anyone who cares about veterans and their families. This includes our Auxiliary members, and any other individuals of voting age who want to advocate for our veterans and their families. So PLEASE be sure to share the sign up link and QR code with everyone you can. Placing signs in your post and newsletters is also very helpful

Responding to Action Alerts is paramount! This is where your voice is heard. Action Alerts are pre-filled messages to YOUR Representatives (based off the address you used when signing up), telling them how YOU and the VFW want them to vote on a particular piece of legislation heading to the floor. Your replies will be seen by Your Representatives and reinforces our stance when we tell them in our meetings how the veterans in Pennsylvania feel about the proposed bills.

Pennsylvania has over 100,000 VFW & Auxiliary members, and just over 17,000 Action Corp Members. And worse yet, we only average around 350 responding to Action Alerts. We, as Pennsylvanians, need to have a stronger response to these Action Alerts, so our Representatives in DC take us seriously!

Jess and I are here to serve you on Capitol Hill and We will do our best, to ensure the veteran legislative fight for benefits continues until all Veterans needs are met.

WE are your voice on the Hill, YOU are the amplifier to make our voice is heard!

Yours in Service,

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To sign up for Action Corp got to: <https://votervoice.net/VFW/register>

OR

Text “VFW” to 50457

OR



<https://vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts>