



Department of California
District 28

Legislative
November 19, 2023

Madam President Rebecca, and all of our awesome Auxiliary officers and members, I thought I'd make mention to everyone of some actual goings on in the legislative world that directly affect veterans.

I received an email from our CA Atty. General Rob Bonta's office on Sept. 24th. It was headlined, Securing Justice for Military Families. Here's what he said in a jist... This week we announced sentencing of Don Azul, who posed as a state contractor and defrauded more than 40 military families throughout California. Azul conned these families into paying at least \$500 each for counterfeit CalVet College Fee Waivers, a free California benefit that waives tuition at certain colleges for eligible students, including children of military veterans. As California's chief law enforcement officer, I will continue doing everything in my power to ensure that those who put their lives on the line for our country, or their families, are not preyed upon.

Another piece of correspondence I thought worthy to share with you came in from our very own local Representative Jimmy Panetta.

At the end of Sept. I sent out emails to both Dawn Addis, Assemblymember, 30th District, CA, as well as Jimmy Panetta, U.S. Rep., 19th Congressional District, CA to request them to both be guests for a legislative panel and update as to our veteran affairs legislation. Within a week both offices responded with a resounding "YES!" We are now awaiting the new schedule for Congressman Panetta and are anticipating a Legislative Roundtable event on or around January 15th at 6p at American Legion Post 41 Hall. I will send out a flyer for everyone to share with their Units as well as both our AL & ALA D28 websites once that is confirmed around mid-Dec.

Just a quick reminder... ALA Dept. of CA posts Bulletins monthly... so for all you dedicated Legislative Chairs, please share these with your Units. I've attached November's Bulletin.

I'm making this super easy for everyone to get signed up for Legislative Alerts directly to your email.

Simply click this link and add your email address and zip code. It's that easy!
<https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>

Lastly, Mid-Year Legislative reports are due to me by Dec. 1st which I've attached.

In service not self,
Kimberly Stuhler, Legislative Chairman

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GRASSROOTS ACTION PRIORITIES

The American Legion continues to reinforce preparations for a possible government shutdown. National Legislative Division (NLD) Staff are continuing to monitor and advocate for the Pay Our Troops Act (H.R. 5641), which currently has 112 bipartisan cosponsors. Additionally, giving support to the Keep Our Border Agents Paid Act (S.2999), which ensure that U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement are paid in the event of a government shutdown.

LEGISLATIVE DIVISION UPDATES

The National Legislative Division hosted National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer, Commander Seehafer was introduced to various members of Congress and received valuable insight on The Legion’s current legislative priorities.

BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

S.112, which improves the benefits that VA provides to certain veterans’ children who are diagnosed with spina bifida, and H.R. 1096, the 250th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps Commemorative Coin Act,” which directs the Department of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps.

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Legislative- Unit Mid-Year Report for 2023-2024

Submit this completed form to your District Chairman no later than December 1, 2023.

District # _____ Unit # _____ Unit Chairman _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

No Activity reported during this period: _____

1. Has your Unit held any special Legislative meetings? _____

2. Has your Unit participated in any Legislative Rallies? _____

3. Has your Unit participated in any Town Hall Meetings? _____

4. Has your Unit participated in any Meet the Candidate Nights? _____

If you participated in any of the above events, please prove a detailed report on when, why, outcome, hours volunteered, and miles on a separate sheet.

5. How many members subscribe to the The American Legion Dispatch? _____

6. How many members subscribe to the Legislative E-News? _____

7. How many members subscribe to votervoice.net/American Legion/home? _____

Please complete the chart below with how many items were completed for the corresponding person:

	US Senators	US Representatives	White House	State Officials	Local Officials
Letters					
Personal Visits					
Number of Contacts					
Replies Received					

8. Total number of members subscribing to the Auxiliary's Legislative eNews? _____

9. How many members developed relationships with elected officials? _____

10. Does your Unit promote a particular Federal Bill? _____

Titles: _____

11. Does your Unit promote a particular State Bill? _____

Titles: _____

12. How many members attended The American Legion Legislative Day at the Capitol? _____

13. Will you be submitting a Unit Supplemental? Yes _____ No _____

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