

VFW Department of California

National Legislative Committee

Interested candidates may submit their applications for the Departments' consideration. Comrades are encouraged to submit their applications at any time. The Legislative Committee's aim is to "propagate an interest in a furtherance of the legislative goals of The Veterans of Foreign Wars and to serve as a medium for disseminating information and developing an understanding with our elected representatives."

Members of the Legislative Committee are relied on to reinforce the VFWs overall legislative efforts, particularly at times when immediate and personal contact with lawmakers is necessary – typically referred to as "grassroots contact."

They routinely email, write, and/or call lawmakers and their staff regarding veteran's legislation. Members should strive to visit the lawmaker's local office at least once per month to discuss issues that will directly impact The VFWs legislative goals and are required to submit a monthly report of their activities.

Members work to:

- Promote an interest in and a furtherance of The VFWs legislative goals.
- Serve as a liaison for disseminating information to elected lawmakers and staff.
- Develop and maintain strong working relationships with elected lawmakers and staff.
- Disseminate information on proposed and adopted veteran's legislation to posts and members of the VFW within the congressional district.

Position requirements include:

- Willing to work in concert with the VFW National Legislative Committee to achieve its priority goals.
- Experience working with public relations and/or elected officials is a plus.
- Excellent verbal and written communications skills are necessary.
- Comfortable speaking and making presentations to larger groups.
- Ability to use social media.
- Ability to represent the VFW and veterans to various groups and organizations.
- Ownership of an email account and internet access is required.
- Personal relationship with the member of Congress to whom they are assigned, senior staffers in their office, or willingness and ability to establish relationships with them.
- Be able to travel with the California team, in the spring and fall, for our Legislative conference in D.C. for face-to-face meetings with our Representatives. Will be required to schedule appointments with our legislators for those visits.

Note: National covers costs for travel to and from D.C. and your hotel room. There will be some out of pocket expenses for the member; i.e., business dress, transportation to and from the hotel and the Capitol (the team often shared costs for transportation), and meals. Per Diem may be provided at the discretion of the Commander in Chief and paid after the conclusion of the conference.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION	
DATE:	
FULL NAME:	HAT SIZE:
HOME ADDRESS:	
E-MAIL:	PHONE:
CONGRESSIONAL INFORMATION	
APPLICANT'S CONGRESSIONAL MEMBER:	
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (EX. CA 2 ND DISTRICT):	
APPLICANTS RELATIONSHIP WITH MEMBER(S) OF CONGRESS:	
APPLICANT NARRATIVES	
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO FURTHER THE VFW'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES?:	
WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE?:	
PLEASE SHARE THE QUALITIES YOU BRING TO THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:	

SIGNATURE