

AUGUST LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

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Most of our legislative efforts focus on Congress in Washington, DC because veterans' benefits are administered at the federal level. We should continue to vigorously advocate to those representatives. Over the next three months, however; we also want to pay close attention to what's happening here in Wisconsin. Why do these local races matter to our veterans? Here's why – the following programs for veterans are administered by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) in Madison (<https://dva.wi.gov>)

- Veterans Homes Pre-Registration
- Veterans License Identifier
- Wisconsin G.I. Bill
- Property Tax Credit
- Health Care or Subsistence Aid Grants
- Wisconsin Cemetery Pre-Registration

In November, we will be electing a new Governor, along with Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer, all who will serve in Madison. Candidates for these offices (as well as those for county and federal offices) will be crisscrossing Wisconsin to get out the vote. August, September, and October provide excellent opportunities to meet these candidates face-to-face, tell them about the VFW Legislative Priorities, and to let them know that as a member of the VFW Auxiliary, you care about veterans on the federal AND state level.

To find out where candidates for your state and federal districts will be over the next several weeks:

- check out the individual website for candidates in your district;
- stop by county or state fairs and go to local parades: the candidates will be there;
- if you are a member of a political party, visit that party's website and attend one of their "meet the candidates" events

Get out and speak with the candidates who want to represent YOU – they will be listening and we can use the campaign season as another opportunity to ADVOCATE on behalf of our veterans. Together, we can make a difference by "***Serving America's Heroes.***"