

Legislative Commission Update

Gentlemen,

As we have recently returned from the NEC Meeting out in Indy, the Legislative Commission would like to share some additional information in hopes that you can get this out to the Blue Cap Members. We are attaching several documents to allow easier transfer of information to the membership.

The first attachment is information regarding the George B. Evans Grassroots Veterans' Advocate of The Year Award. This award recognizes a member who has performed outstanding service and made significant contributions of time and effort in Grassroots Veterans' Advocacy work. Last year was our first year presenting a CAP to the winner of the award at convention, this is actually stitched on the CAP. Who will be the next person? Will it be someone from your Detachment? Please take a look at the application and share the information. Maybe someone from your Detachment will fill it out and be an eligible applicant.

One of the biggest problems that we hear about from the membership is that they are unsure of themselves when it comes to communicating with their elected officials. The National American Legion has put together information to assist them. We are attaching the document, "Communicating with Elected Officials", in an effort to try and give the membership a little more knowledge in hopes of helping them reach out to their elected officials.

In an effort to help get the information out we are attaching the document "Current Legislation / Key Bills in Congress". The National American Legion has an area on the legislative webpage that lists current information (<http://capwiz.com/legion/issues/>). The National Sons of The American Legion Legislative Commission has taken this information and combined it with more details from Congress.gov | Library of Congress (<https://www.congress.gov/>) to give a fuller picture of what each legislative bill is about. Hopefully, this will allow our members to understand better what legislation the American Legion is currently following.

The 2018 American Legion Washington Conference will run February 25 – 28 next year and we will be placing wreaths at the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier on Sunday February 25, 2018 at 10:15 AM and also at the WW II and Korean Memorials. We are asking for you all to go back and reach out to your Detachments to give financial support for members to stay until Tuesday to go on the hill and talk with your representatives! Additional information on this will be coming out at a later date.

If you have any questions or comments please reach to anyone on the Legislative Commission Team.

Yours for the good of the Sons of The American Legion,
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