



# Being a Veterans' Advocate



**VFW National Legislative Service**

# Our Guiding Principle for Activism



**All politics is local**  
Your influence counts, so use it!

# Legislative Advocate Job Responsibilities



- Be the face of the VFW for Congress
  - Build relationships with members and their staff
  - Be the veteran they turn to for ideas and answers



# Legislative Advocate Job Responsibilities



- Coordinate involvement
  - Respond to Action Alerts
  - Recruit others to be involved in:
    - Action Corps- passive
    - Grassroots POC- active
  - Promote attendance at
    - Town Hall meetings
    - Campaign stops



# Political Activities:



VFW members can make a difference in any election by getting involved in the political process. Here are a few items to keep mind as you get involved and attend or host candidate functions and town hall meetings:

## **DO's**

- Attend candidate town hall meetings and other events and ask candidates where they stand on our issues.
- Set up voter registration drives /Get Out the Vote Campaigns on the local level.
- Provide carpool service on Election Day to help the elderly and disabled get to the voting booth.
- Support and work for your favorite candidates as an individual voting constituent.
- Wear your VFW cap at public events such as town halls, rallies, forums, or debates.

# Political Activities:



## DON'Ts

- Don't endorse candidates on behalf of the VFW National Organization, Department, District or Post.
- Don't wear your VFW cap when actively campaigning for a candidate, such as soliciting donations or knocking on doors asking people to pledge their vote for a candidate.



**You can contact the National Legislative Service anytime with questions.**

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**Thank you for all that you do!**