

Dept
Mid year

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of California
Legislative
Mid-Year Report 2021 - 2022

Madam President,

As we are "Catching the Wave" "Muscle Beach" and our members have been flexing our Legislative muscles for our Veterans.

Members of this Department have attended Legislative Rallies, Town Hall Meetings and met with their candidates. Many of our members have initiated personal visits and contacts with their local and state officials, U.S. Senators and Representatives and the White House, in addition to writing a total of 232 letters and receiving 64 replies. That is approximately a 30% response rate, great job.

Of the many pieces of legislation that affected our veterans, S-5444, Buddy Check Week, was the most widely promoted and supported. FY2022 section 573 of the NDAA, Save the Troops for Teachers was also heavily supported.

A committee was formed consisting of Legionnaires, Sons of The Legion and Auxiliary members to oppose SB363 which directly affected our Girls State Program. Through several meetings with the State Legislators and the committee members we were able to amend the bill to meet the requirements of the State Equal Opportunity Act, without jeopardizing the goals and purposes of our programs.

Many Units and District's contacted their City and County Councils requesting proclamations for Veterans and Military Family Month in November

Members are suscribing to "The Dispatch" and "Legislative News Alert" in order to remain current on any and all legislation which affects our Veterans, their families, active duty military and our communities. We are encouraging all of our members to be active in securing and maintaining services for those we are committed to serving.

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