



LEGISLATIVE "FREEDOM ADVOCATES" – OCTOBER 2020 BULLETIN

The following are Legislative Awards your unit and members can earn for 2019-2021 and Legislative reporting due dates for 2019-2021;

DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

1. District 100% Reporting (mid-year and end of year)
2. District 1, 2 and 3 place Best Supplemental (mid-year and end of year 2019-2021)
3. District Best Legislative Program held during Legislative Month which is January 2021 (the District award is not what the units did but what special program the district legislative chairman had for the district)
4. Unit 1, 2 and 3 place Best Supplemental (mid-year and end of year 2019-2021)
5. Unit Best Legislative Program held during Legislative Month which is January 2021 (end-of-year)

NATIONAL AWARDS:

1. Unit Award for most outstanding Unit Legislative Program – due June 1, 2021 to Western Division Legislative Chairman
2. Department Award for Best Department Legislative Program – due June 1, 2021 to Western Division Legislative Chairman

LEGISLATIVE REPORTING DATES 2020-2021:

1. Mid-year Reports:
 - a. Unit to District due by December 1, 2020
 - b. District to Department due by December 15, 2020
2. End-of-Year Reports:
 - a. Unit to District due by April 9, 2021 (second Friday in April (Legislative Code #8)
 - b. District to Department due by May 1, 2020 (Legislative Code #8)

I have updated the Unit and District Mid-year Report Forms currently on Department Website. Unit Legislative chairman take a look at the Mid-year form use it as a guide to share what work your members accomplished from when you reported end-of-year 2020. If you did not provide a report last year, please do and share what your unit did 2019-2020. Please provide a narrative to your District chairmen allowing them to share your great accomplishments with me.

American Legion has a new Call to Action for H.R. 2898 / S. 4657 = Buddy Check National Week of Calling. S.4657, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate one week each year as "Buddy Check Week" for the purpose of outreach and education concerning peer wellness checks for veterans and for other purposes. Ask your senator and representative to co-sponsor the bill currently only 2 senators have co-sponsored, they are Sen. Doug Jones, (A-AL) and Sen Margaret Wood Hassan (D-NH). The sponsor is Sen. Ernst Joni (R-IA). For H.R. 2898 there are 6 cosponsors, Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26), Rep. Anthony Brown (D-MD-4), Rep, John Katko (R-NY-24), Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1), Rep John Lewis (D-GA-5) and Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN-3) the sponsor is Rep. Sheila Jackson (D-TX-18). Congratulation's to California Rep. Julia Brownley from the 26th District. She is the only sponsor of this legislative from California we have some work to do. I sent in my Legislative Alert to my senators and representative, did you?

Joan Cannon,

Department Legislative Chairman