



American Legion Auxiliary
Clovis Legislative Bulletin

To All the District Legislative Chairmen, welcome to Muscle Beach.

As we “Catch the Wave” for our Veterans in the Department of California we need to be aware of what the waves are. As the Legislative Chairmen of this Department we are responsible to let our members know what is being proposed and when, what the American Legion is supporting and what they are fighting. As our preamble states, “ to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion” which includes legislation for our Veterans.

These are a few key pieces of legislation that are being supported by the American Legion as the Legislation returns from their summer recess.

California State Budget which recently passed included funding for deferred maintenance at Barstow and Yountville Veterans Himes, an increase of the financing for County Veterans Service Officers and a \$25 Million in Grant funds for California service providers that provide service to veterans.

AB107: Expands the requirement to issue temporary licenses to practice a profession or vocation to include licenses issued by any board within the department except as provided. This bill would require the applicant to provide to the board documentation that the applicant has passed a California law and ethics examination if required by the board for the profession or vocation.

AB 579: This bill would waive open course provisions in statute or regulations of the board of governors or governing board of a community college for courses the district offers to military personnel, their dependents and civilian employees on a military base and would authorize the board of governors to include the units of full time equivalent students generated in those communities for purpose of state apportionments.

ACR 5: Commend AMVETS Department of California on its 75th year.

ACR 12: This measure would declare August 7th, 2021 as Purple Heart day in California.

ACR 13: Commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

ACR 21: Would designate the South Yuba River Bridge over State Highway Route 49 in the County of Nevada as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway and will request the DOT to determine the cost for appropriate signage for this special designation and upon receiving donations.

AJR 10: This measure urges the U S Congress and the President of the United States to permit states to extend burial and memorial services in state veteran’s cemeteries to Republic of Korea and Republic of Vietnam veterans who served in the Vietnam War and who subsequently became U S Citizens. This would also urge the Congress and U S President to extend these same benefits to National Cemeteries.

AJR 12: This measure would urge the U S Congress to revise the U S Code to remove the requirements that to be eligible for GI Benefits a law school be accredited by a specialized accreditor and the overly broad restrictions that graduates must sit for a bar exam in any state.

SB 498: Legal services to indigent persons: disable veterans. This bill would provide for and increasing one measure of income eligibility for 125% to 200% of a special poverty level and require the income threshold be determined after deducting disability compensation from the U S Veterans Administration paid to a veteran with a service related disability.

SB 363: Commencing January 1, 2023 would require that there be equity in the Boy's State and Girls State programs with regard to government officials and facilities, providing substantially similar programing except as specified, provide an equal number of participation opportunities and for pupils who do not identify as either male or female or with their assigned birth gender allowing those pupils to participate in either conference.

SB 661: Currently the Department of Veterans Affairs is headed by a Secretary, if passed this bill would authorize the Secretary to delegate powers and duties as specified.

SB 665: Would require private employers with Veterans Preference Employment Polices to report annually to the Fair Employment and Housing the number of Veterans hired, retained and any demographic information about those veterans that the employer is already required to report. The bill would also require any information with regard to discrimination claims received based on the employer's veterans preference employment policy to a specific legislative policy committee.

SB 667: Disabled veterans property tax exemption. This bill would authorize the executor or administrator of the claimant's estate to file a claim with the county assessor.

As always in order to make a difference we need to make a difference. Do not hesitate to become active within your communities. All changes start at the ground level and work their way to the top.

Keep flexing your legislative muscle.

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