

January Legislative Update- Becky Baldwin

Thank you to everyone who attended the Winter **Conference**. Your time, engagement, and commitment to legislative advocacy truly matter. It was an honor to share updates alongside **Nedra and Jim**, and we appreciate the thoughtful conversations and questions that took place.

One thing to always remember: **legislative work never stops**. As we move forward and prepare for 2026, there are **four key focus areas** every member should keep in mind:

1. Action Corps

- Please continue to **sign up new Action Corps members** and encourage current members to rejoin if they've fallen off. Just as important—**engage with the Calls to Action** when they are issued. These alerts are how we collectively make our voices heard at the local, state, and national levels. Numbers matter, and participation matters even more.

2. Voices of Service

- We strongly encourage you to submit **Voices of Service**. These stories highlight how legislative laws or ongoing issues are directly affecting veterans, service members, and their families. Submissions go directly to **VFW National** and may be used to help build connections with legislators. **Your story matters**, and personal experiences often have the greatest impact.

3. Arizona Legislative Bills

- Please stay informed and aware of the two primary bills currently in the Arizona House: **HB 4777 and HB 6047**. These bills have the potential to impact our veteran community, and awareness is the first step toward effective advocacy.

4. Claim Sharks

- Unfortunately, **claim sharks are still out there**. Be cautious, stay informed, and help educate others. Do not engage with or “feed” these predatory actors who exploit veterans seeking benefits. If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't.

Thank you again for your continued dedication to legislative advocacy. Together, through awareness, action, and participation, we can protect and advance the interests of veterans and their families.