TEAM VETERANS: GET YOUR GAME PLAN READY!

All right, team—bring it in!

Legislative Day is coming, and preparation starts before we take the field. Our mission is clear: help lawmakers understand the needs of veterans, service members, caregivers, and their families. Every member has a role, and every prepared voice strengthens our team.

STUDY THE PLAYBOOK

Start with VFW's Priority Goals. Learn the issues, review your talking points, and check the facts. Know who represents your legislative district and how to contact their office. Use our legislative training materials to build confidence and understand how an idea moves toward becoming law.

PRACTICE YOUR PLAYS

You don't need a long speech. Practice a short introduction, explain one concern, share a verified fact or local example, and make a clear request. Stay respectful, listen carefully, and give legislative staff the same courtesy you give the lawmakers.

BUILD THE TEAM

Coordinate with your Post, Auxiliary, and legislative leadership. Decide who will speak, who will take notes, and who will handle follow-up. Bring concise materials that lawmakers can review after your visit. Learn how Arizona's Request to Speak system works so you're ready when opportunities arise.

FINISH THE DRIVE

Our work continues after the meeting. Send promised information, record questions and next steps, and report back accurately. Follow-through turns a good conversation into lasting advocacy.

We have the mission. We have the team. Now let's prepare, show up, and carry veterans' voices into the conversation!

ONE MORE PLAY: YOUR EARLY BALLOT!

My challenge to you: complete, sign, seal, and send in your early ballot by Friday, October 16! That's our team challenge date—not the official election deadline. Give your ballot time to arrive and track its status at my.arizona.vote.

Already voted? I'd love to celebrate with you! Email a photo of your early-voting sticker to tlc3conniet@yahoo.com. Please share only your sticker—not your ballot or voting choices.

For a separate chance to win a prize, email me with the subject “Team Veterans Drawing.” I Voted sticker photo is not required to enter but would love one, and sending a sticker photo does not provide an additional entry.

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