



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Legislative Program

Fellow Members of the Auxiliary,

My name is Scott Jamieson, and I am very honored and excited to be a first-time National Ambassador for the Legislative Program for 2021-22!

I began my journey with the VFW family in 2012-13, when we established a Men's Auxiliary at Post 5390 in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, and served as President there until the Men's Auxiliary was disbanded. I joined the newly combined Auxiliary to Post 5390 as a life member in 2015 under the eligibility of my grandfather, Peter J. Rustek, who served in the United States Army with the 66th Infantry Division during the World War II in the European Theater.

On the Auxiliary level, I have served as the Secretary, Treasurer and Legislative contact for Auxiliary 5390 since 2016. On the District level, I served as Secretary and Treasurer for Rhode Island's District 2 from 2016 until 2021. I am currently the Conductor for District 2.

On the Department level, I was elected Junior Vice-President in 2016, moving through the chairs and serving as Department President in 2018-19. I have also served as the Department Historian from 2016-2018. I have been Rhode Island's Legislative Chair since 2016, excepting my year as President. I am presently the Chief of Staff to our presiding Department President, Shauna Fournier.

As the Department Legislative Chair, I have been a frequent flier at the Legislative Conference each year in Washington, D.C., and have enjoyed the position immensely. I find it extremely gratifying to have the capability to affect positive change for so many people by simply bothering politicians!

I look forward to working with every one of you, and am looking forward to having an amazing year in the Legislative Program!

Respectfully Submitted,

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It is with a great deal of anticipation that the National Convention is approaching and we can hit the ground running for this upcoming program year. I'm already very impressed by the various Department Chairpersons who have reached out to me - your diverse plans and ideas are excellent and will be shared far and wide. It's going to be a great year!

Our legislative focus this year, in addition to the usual Priority Goals as published by the VFW, will be engagement on the state level. While involvement on the National level is of utmost importance, as such legislation affects all veterans, there is often legislation at the State level that is overlooked. In this post-COVID period, it's time to get back in the trenches and send our membership out to interact with their elected officials again! We will continue to strive to promote the VFW's Priority Goals and make sure that the leadership of our great country hears our voice and implement policies with the best interests of our veterans in mind.

Make sure that anyone who is a veteran advocate signs up for the VFW Action Corps Newsletter - this includes your membership, your neighbors and your friends. Once you're signed up, take the time to open it and read it!

Action Items:

- [Sign up for VFW Action Corps Newsletter.](#)
- [Brush up on the VFW Priority Goals.](#)
Educate yourself on the VFW Priority Goals - knowing the issues will allow you to communicate effectively with your legislators.
- Be an active advocate for veterans. It's easy to sit on the sidelines, but it's also easy to pick up the phone, write an email or letter, or drop in and see your local legislator. This Program is not hard work, but without our combined efforts, further legislative progress will not be made - bills don't pass themselves!
- Check out [Legislative Resources](#) and the [Program Overview](#).

Thank you for all of your hard work! I'm always just an email or a phone call away - see my contact information below the signature line. Feel free to reach out to me any time!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Jamieson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scott" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "Jamieson".

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