

VFW Auxiliary, Department of Connecticut

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Banding together while we remember our Why.

Thank you to all the Auxiliaries that sent in reports. Keep up the great work!

What are the VFW Priorities?

- 1. "VFW National Legislative Director Kristina Keenan spoke on a legislative panel at the midwinter meeting of the National Association of State Approving Agencies. Keenan presented the VFW's concern that overregulation has caused too many schools to stop participating in the GI bill program due to increasingly burdensome requirements. She also stressed the need for student veterans who take some or all college courses online to receive a more realistic monthly housing allowance, currently set at half the national average. The VFW supports increasing this amount that Veterans do not experience housing insecurity while pursuing an education."*
- 2. "According to VFW Action Corps Weekly on February 19, 2024, the House Committee on Veteran Affairs held four hearings on various issues facing veterans and one on the VA itself. The full committee held an oversight hearing on reports of sexual harassment at VA. Subcommittee hearings included a deep dive into the VA Home Loans program, use of artificial intelligence, the Electronic Health Record upgrade, VA's spending in compensation and pension programs."*
- 3. This is an example of topics that you can discuss with legislators when you meet with them, email them, call them or send them letters.**

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