

I am thrilled to be your Department Legislative Chair. Together we will make a difference on issues concerning veterans, women, military life, national security and patriotism. The only way we can do this is by encouraging and empowering ourselves to be more knowledgeable in order to take action on The American Legion's legislative priorities. Here are just a few of the ways we can do this:

Subscribe to The American Legion's ***Legislative Action Alerts*** to receive notifications. When they call on Legion Family members to take immediate action on legislative issues you will be notified. It's very easy visit [www.capwiz.com/legion/mlm/signup](http://www.capwiz.com/legion/mlm/signup) to subscribe.

Another way is the American Legion's ***Legislative Update and e-newsletters*** this will keep you informed on recurring veteran, military, budget and funding, healthcare, patriotism, and awareness issues. You will go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) to subscribe.

Finally you can order a copy of the ***ALA Legislative Advocacy Guide*** through Department Headquarters or download from their website at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) Follow the suggestions and guidelines to help build legislative awareness within your American Legion family and your community.

This is a wonderful and exciting year for all of us, as Elections are in November. Always remember we are a non-partisan Legislative team fighting for our Veterans. We must keep an eye on our elected officials, hold them accountable for their actions towards the American Veterans. We must stay politically connected to our government.