

LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

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I recently attended the National VFW/Auxiliary Convention in Columbus, Ohio. The VFW elected the FIRST WOMAN veteran as Commander-in-Chief. Carol Whitmore is a highly decorated veteran with 36 years of Army service. She joined the VFW in 2012 at Post 9127 in Des Moines, Iowa where she maintains her Gold Legacy Life membership.

!!! CONGATULATIONS COMMANDER WHITMORE !!!

One proposed Legislative Bill that is of interest to all veterans is the “Major Richard Star Act.” This Bill is aimed at allowing combat-disabled veterans who are medically retired with fewer than 20 years of service to receive both their full Department of Defense (DoD) retirement pay and their full Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation concurrently, without any offset. Currently, veterans in this situation often have their retirement pay reduced by the amount they receive in disability compensation. [Contact our National Senators and Representative and urge them to support this Bill.](#)

If you have not signed up for “VFW Action Corps” take this opportunity to do so at vfw.org/JoinActionCorps

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