VFW 2026 PRIORITY GOALS

Welcome to the 2026 VFW Priority Goals Town Hall!

Tonight we will discuss the VFW priorities for protecting veterans, improving their health and increasing their quality of life.

"WE HAVE SIX VERY IMPORTANT PRIORITIES… AND WE'RE NOT LEAVING UNTIL YOU HEAR ALL SIX!"

"SIX PRIORITIES. PAY ATTENTION."

Our first priority is **Budget.**

The VFW wants full funding for programs relevant to veterans and their families, including opposing efforts to cut or reduce veterans' disability and retirement benefits and ensuring timely, adequate VA funding.

So what should we ask our legislators?

Ask them: "What specific measures are you taking to oppose proposed cuts or reductions to veteran disability and retirement benefits?"

Excellent question!

What if they say, "We're working on it"?

ask them—what does "working on it" mean?

NEXT PRIORITY!

Priority number two: **Health Care.**

What should we ask?

Ask about funding for suicide prevention traumatic brain injury research, and improving VA community care.

So we are talking about taking care of the whole veteran?

Exactly

Priority number three: **Disability Assistance and Claims.**

We need to address claim backlogs, modernize the digital claims process and. Protect veterans from----

CLAIM SHARKS!!

What is a "claim shark"?

Unaccredited consultants who exploit Veterans.

Priority number four is **Education, Employment and Transition Assistance.**

The VFW priority includes ensuring access to education and employment assistance for transitioning service members and veterans. It also includes improving GI Bill delivery, supporting education and training opportunities, and helping veterans transition into civilian employment.

So what happens when someone leaves the military and says, "Now what?"

We say— "WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!"

What if they want to start a business?

We will help them find resources. And a budget.

Priority number five: **National Security, Foreign Affairs and POW/MIA.**

The VFW wants support for the all-volunteer force, protection of American interests, and attention to our nation's veterans.

And POW/MIA? We must never forget those who have not come home.

And finally—Priority number six: **MILITARY READINESS.**

What should we ask?

Ask whether legislators will support the Major Richard Star Act, allowing retired veterans with combat-related disabilities to receive both retired pay and disability compensation without offsets.

And what about military families?

We need to ask what is being done to eliminate military food insecurity and improve base pay and housing allowances for active-duty families.

Because military readiness isn't just about equipment.

It's about the people.

And making sure veterans receive the benefits they've earned.

And making sure the money is there.

And making sure we're asking the right questions!

“READ THE PRIORITIES.
ASK THE QUESTIONS.
ADVOCATE FOR VETERANS.”

The VFW's six 2026 priorities aren't just words on a page. They're about protecting benefits, improving health care, helping veterans with disability claims, supporting education and employment, protecting our nation's interests, remembering our POWs and MIAs, and making sure our military and military families are taken care of.

So—

Ask the questions.

Demand answers.

And advocate for veterans!

Because who knows veterans' needs better than veterans?

And who is going to speak up?

WE ARE!

“ONE TEAM. ONE MISSION.
SERVING VETERANS.”