

You have in the minutes passed out to you today, bills that have made it out of the House Veterans' Committee and other issues, which are a priority to the American Legion Family.

Veteran's Advocacy of The Year Award,

forms and rules are available

- In the National Administrative manual
- On the National Web Site

Every Detachment should have at least one nominee submitted for this award.

- We will also be awarding Honorable Mentions, and
- Certificates for each nominee submitted will also be awarded

GET OUT THE VOTE

As an organization, which stands for the principles of justice, freedom and democracy, we must all work together to "Get Out the Vote," especially in this upcoming election.

At stake are

- the benefits of our Veterans
- the youth of our nation
- the safety of our communities
- the future of our great nation

In your packets you have a booklet published by the American Legion, which is a great tool for you to take back to your detachments.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

The security, economy, and social fabric of this great nation is being torn apart.

This is being done by undocumented individuals who

- live in the shadow of our society
- fail to assimilate into our culture
- divide America into ethnic conclaves

Our ancestors came to America for "the American Way."

They learned the English language

They blended into the American way of life

They came with a sense of great American pride and patriotism

They were proud to be American Citizens and proud to wave the American Flag

Today those who cross our borders do not demonstrate this same spirit of patriotism.

These illegal aliens

- Are subject to slum-like conditions
- Are often exploited by their employers

Unprotected borders mean that Americans are subject to infiltration by violent criminals and potential terrorists.

Increase in gang activities

Increase of illegal drug activities in our communities

The presence of illegal aliens willing to work for a pittance drives down wages which affects the ability of Americans and legal aliens to support their families

The issue of Social Security fraud and identity theft victimizes thousands of Americans every year.

Deadly diseases such as tuberculosis (which were in steady decline over the past half century) are seeing resurgence within the immigrant population.

Five Step American Legion Proposal

1. Secure the borders and other points of entry
2. Eliminate the jobs magnet and social service benefits for illegals
3. No amnesty
4. Reduce the number of illegals in the United States
5. Effectively screen and track all foreign visitors

We must contact Congress and tell them that Immigration Reform must be a priority in order to preserve this great nation, and to guarantee the future of the American Way. You also have a booklet published by the American Legion, which in detail describe the problems and conditions, along with solutions to the immigration problem.