

Department of Washington – Mid Winter Conference

National Legislative Council Update:

The National Legislative Council is the grass roots function of the Legislative Division. Membership to the Council is comprised of a member assigned to be the point of contact for each elected member of Congress. Names are submitted by Departments to the National Adjutant.

Current members for the Department of Washington:

Bob Wallace – Sen, Murray

Dave Hodgeboom – Sen. Cantwell

Todd Nichals – Rep. Delbene *

Al Jensen – Rep. Larsen

Vacant – Rep Glueskemp Perez

Mike Montenev – Rep. Newhouse

Darrell Madex – Rep. Morris Rodgers *

Kathryn Bates – Rep. Kilmer

Carol Stripling – Rep. Jayapal

Bill Cottinger – Rep. Schrier *

Rafael Munoz-Cintron – Rep. Smith

Bill Powell – Rep. Strickland

*- New Committee Members

Legion Action Alerts – Sign up at mylegion.org/alerts. Notifies members of the American Legion of issues of interest and request contact be made with elected officials. Generates sample emails to the members specific legislators.

Current Grass Roots Action issues:

Support Gold Star Spouses – allow Gold Star spouses to keep benefits if remarry before age 55

Support Arlington National Cemetery expansion – preserves Military Honors

Pay the Coast Guard – ensure no break in pay during a government shut down

Stand with Veterans Care Givers – Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act – Passed House awaiting Senate

Fight back against Predatory Claim Sharks – protecting veterans disability claims

Quarterly Action Reports – number of contacts with Legislators – Washington usually in upper percentage. New Legislative Priorities will be published before the end of the month.

