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## **Nebraska American Legion Family to Attend Washington Conference**

(Lincoln) February 14, 2019 – Twenty-nine members of the Nebraska American Legion Family will make their annual trip to Washington D.C. to discuss the Legion's current legislative priorities with their U.S. Senators and Representatives.

The American Legion's priority legislative agenda this year is to provide service-connected disability benefits to all veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange on land, sea, or air; pass an amendment to protect the American flag against physical desecration; create women veteran specific health care programs; provide funding to the VA to hire mental health care professionals; provide naturalized US citizenship prior to honorable discharge to immigrants who serve in the US military; fund programs to address the issue of veterans homelessness and housing; get rid of the penalty military retirees and veteran survivors have to pay to offset the VA service-connected disability pay and survivor benefits; expand the GI Bill to include access to capital for veterans starting a small business; prohibit employers from pressuring servicemembers into waiving their employment rights and protections; reverse sequestration and maintain a strong US military; and oversee the implementation of the 115th Congress's passed legislation.

Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has been a key advocate for veterans' benefits, patriotic American values, instilling values in young people through numerous programs, and a strong nation defense with focus on quality-of-life issues for those serving in today's armed forces.

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