



South Carolina Department Legislative Program

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Our Mission: To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

Advocacy is a core value and a primary responsibility



ALL POLITICS IS LOCAL!

South Carolina's veterans need you. We need to support our Commander and Be visible in the community!

VFW Action Corps

- Legislative reporting

Grass Roots Efforts

- Town hall attendance
- Invite politicians to Posts and Community Events



ACTION CORPS your reps

- Stay up to date with legislation and contact

<https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/vfw-action-corps-weekly>

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the VFW Action Corps Weekly page. The URL is www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/vfw-action-corps-weekly. The page features a large blue banner with the VFW logo and the text "ACTION CORPS WEEKLY" in white and gold. Below the banner, the page title is "VFW Action Corps Weekly" with the date "August 5, 2024". A link is provided for a printer-friendly version. The main content area includes a photo of Alfred J. "Al" Lipphardt, a highly decorated Vietnam veteran, and a text block announcing his election as the new national commander of the VFW. To the right, there are two red boxes: "VFW ACTION ALERT" and "ACTION CORPS WEEKLY ARCHIVE". At the bottom right, a red-bordered box highlights the "Additional Resources" section, which includes links for "Take Action", "Learn About the VFW's VA Claims & Benefits", and "View Current Legislation". A red arrow points from the "Learn About the VFW's VA Claims & Benefits" link to the text block about Alfred J. "Al" Lipphardt.



ACTION CORPS

fit!

- Fill out the communication card. Edit as you see

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Join Assistance Advocacy Media & Events Community Donate Login

Support the Sen. Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Act

The Sen. Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Act is a comprehensive package that would provide healthcare and benefits for veterans, caregivers, and survivors. This package has the support of both Democrats and Republicans in the U.S. Senate, but lacks the support to receive a vote in the House of Representatives. This is because Democrats in the House have yet to signal support for this legislation that could provide life-altering and life-saving benefits. This bill is the result of a months-long compromise between varying stakeholders and is an example of how Washington, D.C. negotiations should work.

Dozens of organizations that advocate on behalf of veterans, caregivers, and survivors support this important legislation, and it deserves bipartisan AND bicameral support.

Review Your Message

- US Representative

Subject

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Message Body

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By providing your mobile number, you agree to receive periodic call to action text messages from Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Reply STOP to unsubscribe. Message frequency varies. [Privacy Policy](#).

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ACTION CORPS

Sign up today!

Arm Yourself For Action

- Know the Issues
- View Current Legislation
- Find Your Legislators
- Read VFW Testimony
- Take Action
- Read This Week's Action Corps Weekly

More Advocacy Resources

- Legislative Year in Review
- VFW Legislative Victories
- Being a Veterans' Advocate
- Do's and Don'ts of VFW Involvement



ACTION CORPS

- Forward the response to legislative@vfwsc.org

Please include your District and Post numbers, and original contact email

The screenshot shows a Gmail interface with a search bar containing "label:legislative-responses". The main content area displays a forwarded message from Senator Lindsey Graham, dated Monday, July 29, 2024, at 5:37 PM. The subject is "Responding to your message" and the recipient is "cchlavac99@gmail.com". The forwarded message text reads: "Dear Mrs. Hlavac: Thank you for contacting me about S.344, the Major Richard Star Act. The Major Richard Star Act would allow veterans with fewer than 20 years of service and a combat-related disability to receive both DOD retirement pay and VA disability compensation, without an offset to a veteran's retirement pay. As a veteran, I have cosponsored this legislation in order to provide veterans the benefits they deserve. As the Senate considers this issue, I will keep your comments in mind. As your United States Senator, my primary job is to understand and represent the interests of all South Carolinians. The opportunity to hear from you about the issues confronting our nation is not only essential to representative democracy, but allows me to better serve the people of South Carolina. We will not see eye-to-eye on every issue; however, I promise to always give your concerns the consideration they deserve. I encourage you to visit my website — <http://lgraham.senate.gov> — as it will have information on the most recent activities before the U.S. Senate. You can also sign up for our e-mail newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube pages which will provide the latest information and updates on the major issues facing our state and our nation. Thank you again for contacting me. I truly appreciate the opportunity to hear from you and am honored to have the opportunity to represent your interests in the U.S. Senate. Sincerely, Lindsey O. Graham, United States Senator." Below the forwarded message is a reply from an Adjutant, dated Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 2:39 PM (7 days ago). The reply text reads: "Comrade, Here's the response one of the members received from their 'Take Action' for the Major Richard Star Act from Sen. Graham. Please update Post 12102 report card. Respectfully, David Lies, Quartermaster/Adjutant, Colleton County VFW, Post 12102." The email footer includes the name and address of Lindsey O. Graham, United States Senator, and a YouTube icon.



GRASS ROOTS EFFORTS

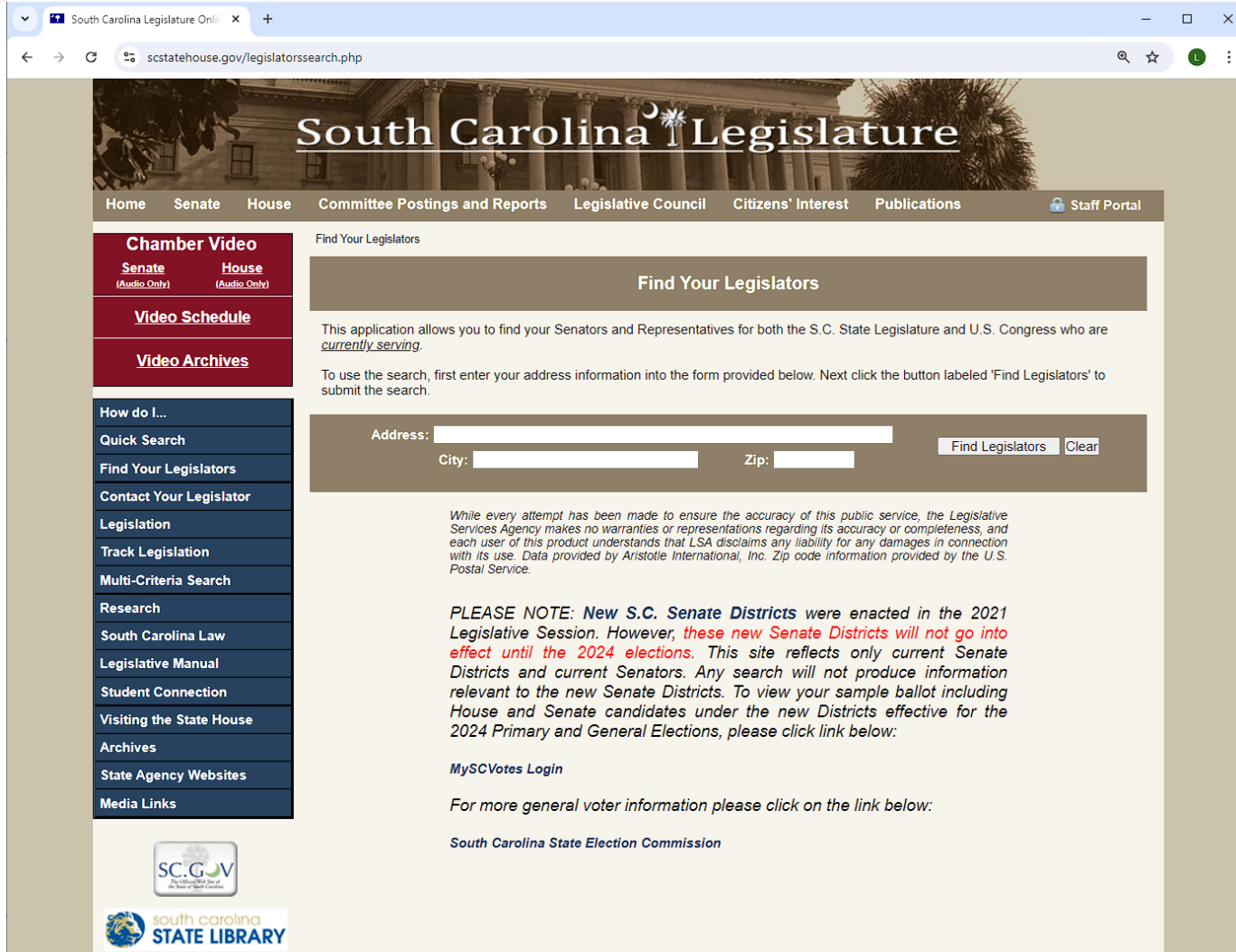
You are the face of the VFW! Build your relationships

- Find your Local Representatives, Town Councils, Small Business Councils.
- Invite them to community events, participate in partner outreach programs, attend or host campaign stops

Be the Veteran they think of when they need a Warfighters opinion

GRASS ROOTS EFFORTS -

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch.php>



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the South Carolina Legislature website. The browser's address bar shows the URL [scstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch.php](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch.php). The website header features the text "South Carolina Legislature" with a palm tree icon. A navigation menu includes links for Home, Senate, House, Committee Postings and Reports, Legislative Council, Citizens' Interest, Publications, and Staff Portal. On the left side, there is a sidebar with several menu items: Chamber Video (Senate and House), Video Schedule, Video Archives, How do I..., Quick Search, Find Your Legislators, Contact Your Legislator, Legislation, Track Legislation, Multi-Criteria Search, Research, South Carolina Law, Legislative Manual, Student Connection, Visiting the State House, Archives, State Agency Websites, and Media Links. The main content area is titled "Find Your Legislators" and contains a search form with fields for Address, City, and Zip, along with "Find Legislators" and "Clear" buttons. Below the form, there is a disclaimer and a note about the 2021 legislative session and 2024 elections. At the bottom, there are links for "MySCVotes Login" and "South Carolina State Election Commission".

South Carolina Legislature

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Find Your Legislators

Find Your Legislators

This application allows you to find your Senators and Representatives for both the S.C. State Legislature and U.S. Congress who are *currently serving*.

To use the search, first enter your address information into the form provided below. Next click the button labeled 'Find Legislators' to submit the search.

Address: City: Zip: Find Legislators Clear

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PLEASE NOTE: New S.C. Senate Districts were enacted in the 2021 Legislative Session. However, these new Senate Districts will not go into effect until the 2024 elections. This site reflects only current Senate Districts and current Senators. Any search will not produce information relevant to the new Senate Districts. To view your sample ballot including House and Senate candidates under the new Districts effective for the 2024 Primary and General Elections, please click link below:

[MySCVotes Login](#)

For more general voter information please click on the link below:

[South Carolina State Election Commission](#)

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GOALS

All American / All State

- Must submit 3 legislative reports to the by 04/30/2025

We need each District Commander to establish a relationship with their National House of Representatives elected official

We need each Post Commander to develop connections with their State Representatives and town councils



What I am doing for you

I will stay in contact with State and National legislators, and track legislative responses.

Participate in Coalitions that push Veteran priorities and coordinate with Partner nonprofits to solidify our voice

Monitor Legislation and publish action items to our comrades

Be your point of contact for our Advocacy efforts



Questions?

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