

# NATIONAL SECURITY - 2023-2024

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**Reporting Dates:** Mid-Year due by December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023; Year-End due by May 1, 2024

## Key Program Statements:

- The ALA National Security program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military servicemembers and their families.
- Support active-duty military families by working with an installation Family Readiness Group (FRG). Contact the Family Readiness Center on your nearby military installation for more information.
- Raise awareness of POW/MIAs and the work being performed by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) in the search for missing personnel.

### **LET'S WORK THIS PROGRAM THIS YEAR!**

**Send me email address for your Unit National Security Chr, or Unit President, if you have no Chr.**

**Throughout the year I will send you news from National and Division Chrs to keep you in the know, and give you good ideas for working the program!**

## Looking for ideas?

ALA Committee Facebook Groups are spaces on the social media network for ALA members to discuss or share about broad or narrow topics related to each committee. Groups provide an arena for organic discussion about your local programs or services and present the opportunity to cultivate brand awareness.

This group serves as a place to share service activities and events, ask questions, obtain information, and network for those interested in the American Legion Auxiliary and how the ALA National Security programs works. The American Legion Auxiliary National Security Program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military servicemembers and their families.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/915563745139663>

Contact National Security Committee: [NationalSecurity@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:NationalSecurity@ALAforVeterans.org)

First stop – *ALA National Website* <https://www.legion-aux.org/>. Login as a member; select “Committees” and then “National Security”. Information includes ALA blogs on:

- September is National Preparedness Month.
- Tips to keep our troops safe – a military spouses’ perspective
- Ideas to support military families.
- DIY: Make plastic sleeping mats for homeless veterans.
- Working with Legion Family to help those in need after a disaster.
- Show your military spouse extra love on Military Spouse Appreciation Day, May 10, 2024.
- (New blogs will come up as the year progresses – watch and keep informed.)

### Questions for Mid-Year and Year-End Reports:

- Do you have a military installation nearby? (yes) (no)
- Did you work with Family Readiness Group (FRG) at the Installation? (yes) (no)
- Do you have contact information for the FRG representative? (yes) (no)
- Did your Unit give monetary or other support to a military family? (yes) (no)
- If yes, describe the need and the support.
- Did you hold a Welcome Home Event? (yes) (no)
- What type of a National Security program activity did you hold?

### National Security Unit Awards:

Phyllis Parent, PDP, NATIONAL SECURITY, Civil Preparedness awarded to the Unit with a narrative report on how their Unit participated in the National Security/Civil preparedness program. Report must include the Unit name, number, name of Unit President and name of Unit chair. The National Security Chairman and selected judges will determine the winner. Report due to Department Chr. May 1, 2024.

Salute to Servicemembers Award, honoring one enlisted servicemember from each branch of service as well as the National Guard. Recipients will attend the National Convention as guests of the Auxiliary. Nomination Form and criteria are found on the National ALA website under National Security Committee awards, or contact Yvonne Drury, Department Chr for the form. Report due to Department Chr. May 1, 2024.

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***Take a moment to consider how your Unit can work this program. With a mission to serve our veterans and military families, this program is a perfect fit! Just making contact and supporting them is so very important, no matter how small the project. Let them know they are important to us, and we care for their wellbeing.***

I know some of you cannot receive information via computer or email. I am happy to mail information to you to help with any projects you might be interested in. Give me a call!

Questions? Please contact me by phone or email – I'm excited about this program and I'm here to help you.

**Yvonne**

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