

NATIONAL SECURITY - 2024-2025

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Reporting Date: Year-End Reports due by May 1, 2025...see format on page 3.

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.
- Community Emergency Readiness – be prepared for natural disasters, wildfire, extreme heat, severe weather, flooding. See <https://www.ready.gov/>

LET'S WORK THIS PROGRAM THIS YEAR!

Throughout the year, as National Security committee information is passed down from Western Division and National, I will submit to Department to go out as blogs or email blasts. Please read them to get information and ideas for working this 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 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

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.
- Show your military spouses extra love on Military Spouse Appreciation Day, May 9, 2025.
- (New blogs will come as the year progresses – watch and stay informed.)

[National Security Department of Oregon Unit Awards:](#)

PHYLLIS PARENT, PDP, NATIONAL SECURITY AWARD

Awarded to the Unit with the best narrative report on how their Unit participated in the National Security program. Optional photos, news clippings, and other pertinent documents are encouraged. (See rules on ALA Dept of Oregon Awards publication)

HELEN HISAW, PDP, ACTIVE DUTY AND OREGON NATIONAL GUARD AWARD

Awarded to the Unit with the best narrative report on activities and donations to support and help Active Dute members and the Oregon National Guard. Optional photos, news clippings, other pertinent documents are encouraged. (See rules on ALA Dept of Oregon Awards publication)

[National 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, 2025.

START NOW... contact your FRG; it takes awhile to get a nominee and submit the necessary information to National. Let's have an Oregon servicemember recognized!

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Take a moment to consider how your Unit can work this program. With a mission to serve our active duty 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 snail mail information to you to help with any projects you might be interested in or need help with. 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.

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National Security Year-End Report – 2024-2025

Unit Name: _____ Unit No. _____

Unit Chairman or (if none) President: _____

Contact info: Phone: _____ Email: _____

- How have you helped your Community prepare for Emergency Readiness?
- Do you have a military installation nearby? (yes) (no)
- Do 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 (on back).
- Did you hold a Welcome Home Event? (yes) (no)
- How have you supported military servicemembers and their families?
- How have you collaborated with other like-minded organizations (ASYMCA, Blue Star Families, Quilts of Valor, USO, etc.) that also support servicemembers and their families?
- How have you raised awareness of POW/MIAs and the work being performed by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) in the search for missing personnel?
- How have you supported those families whose servicemembers made the ultimate Sacrifice?

Send your year-end report to: Yvonne Drury, National Security Chr., 63521 Boyd Acres Rd., Bend, OR 97701, or email ydrury47@gmail.com.
