

## American Legion Auxiliary Department of California National Security Bulletin August 2023



Welcome to a new Auxiliary Year. The National Security Chairman for the 2023-2024 year will be known as the Security Council. Congrats on your role as a National Security Chairman.

We're going to be working hard this year to reach our military and their families. We live in a state with active and reserve military and should be able to support them. We'll focus on different portions of the National Security program throughout the year. I'd like to hear more about our members welcoming home the military, supporting military families while their soldier is away, and POW/MIA awareness.

National has set their Key Program Statements for this year as the following:

- •The ALA National Security program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members 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

Through our mid-year and end of year reporting we'll be able to show National and our legislatures how we're supporting this program through supporting military families, POW/MIA recognition, and Community Emergency Readiness Training

Take some time to get familiar with the National Security program by visiting the National Website: <a href="https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/national-security">https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/national-security</a> to get some ideas on how you can support the program. Check out the Facebook group: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/915563745139663">https://www.facebook.com/groups/915563745139663</a>

I'm hoping to host a couple meet and greets via zoom this year where we can get together and talk about how we're helping our military and bounce ideas off one another.

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