

NATIONAL SECURITY

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NOTE - reporting dates to me are: Mid-winter report is due **December 15, 2019** and Year-end is due **May 1, 2020**

The American Legion Auxiliary National Security program is here to maintain a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families.

Support the emotional and social needs of military service members and their families.

- ❖ *Provide Blue Star or Gold Star Banners in recognition of a service member's service.
- ❖ *Support military service members and their families by reaching out to assist with child care, lawn work or other needed tasks.
- ❖ *Become informed about issues affecting a military family's home life and the recourses available to help, such as PTSD, TBI, domestic violence, financial problems and other issues.

Assist military spouses in getting and maintaining employment

- ❖ *Promote, support and volunteer at military job fairs in your community.

Support the National Security programs of The American Legion

- ❖ *Get involved in the Citizen Corps Council (www.ready.gov) to ensure citizens are prepared to respond to natural disasters.
- ❖ *Collect supplies for emergency preparedness kits and distribute them in your community.
- ❖ *Encourage members to complete Community Emergency Response Training (CERT).
- ❖ *Join your Legion post to host a POW/MIA ceremony on National POW/MIA Recognition Day, annually on the third Friday of September.
- ❖ *Work with your Legion Post to honor ROTC and JROTC cadets with dinners and recognition of the accomplishments they have made throughout the year.

Questions for your Mid-winter and Year-end reports: Did you organize a "Welcome To Our Hometown" event? If so, what was most successful? Did you have any challenges? What types of national security activities and /or projects did you do that weren't near a military installation? More information on each of these points can be found on the American Legion Auxiliary National website www.alaforveterans.org under the members tab, under National Security.

Department Award - Phyllis Parent Trophy for National Security/Civil Preparedness awarded to the Unit participating in the **National Security/Civil Preparedness Program** and with the **best narrative report**.