

National Security Plan of Work 2009-2010

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Purpose: To maintain and promote a strong national defense by providing the necessary means to strengthen our military families and prepare our citizenry for response to natural and man-made disasters.

Mission: Inform and educate the members of the American Legion Auxiliary on the importance of supporting service members and their families and to prepare our members to act as an emergency management resource for natural disasters.

1. Provide resources of programs supporting troops and military families
 - a. Provide resources available to support troops and military families, both state and nationwide
 - b. Promote and support Month of the Military Child (April) and National Military Appreciation Month (May)
 - d. Support initiatives of the National League of Families in the continued effort for a full accounting of America's POW/MIAs
 - e. Utilize websites that address resources and information such as: WI Servicemember Support Division, Operation Military Kids, Ft. McCoy, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and USO
 - e. Provide information to Units through unit mailings, Department website: www.amlegionauxwi.org and publications.
2. Support additional military related initiatives
 - a. Seek out immediate family members of deployed military and provide them with a Blue Star Banner.
 - b. Present Gold Star Banners to the immediate families of troops who sacrificed their lives for a grateful nation.
 - c. Partnership with local USO affiliates to help with USO programs.
 - d. Sponsor/host a Blood Donor Program
 - e. Provide information to Units through unit mailing, on Department website and in publications
3. To work with the Community Service Committee to schedule a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer course in each Department to prepare our members to act as an emergency management resource
 - a. Prepare members, their families, and members of the community for natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, and blizzards, as well as man-made disasters.
 - b. Utilize websites that address preparedness, such as the Citizen Corps CERT program, READY Program for Kids, FEMA's Are You Ready?, National Fire Prevention, and Red Cross
 - c. Provide information to Units through unit mailing, on Department website and in publications