



**NATIONAL SECURITY  
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### **Program Action Plan 2017-2018**

**Purpose:** To maintain and promote a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families.

**Objective:** Develop, implement and monitor programs and activities that contribute to the practical and emotional well-being of military service members and their families.

#### **Action Steps:**

1. **Participate in Department of Defense and other outside programs that support our military and their families throughout the entire deployment cycle.**
  - a. **Military Family Assistance Centers** – Provide needed support to military members and military families. Call 1-800-292-9464 Option 3 with your Unit contact information and type of support offered.
  - b. **USO** – [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org) Provide comfort items to USO locations in Wisconsin
  - c. **Family Readiness Groups**—Contact Reserve or National Guard groups or Military Family Assistance Centers with offers to support the FRG.
  - d. **Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program**- [www.yellowribbon.mil](http://www.yellowribbon.mil)
    - i. <http://wisconsinmilitary.org/events/badger-yellow-ribbon>
  - e. **Operation Homefront**- [www.operationhomefront.net](http://www.operationhomefront.net)
2. **Participate in Military and Family Support Programs of The American Legion -- [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)**
  - a. **Military Family Appreciation Month-November 2017, Military Appreciation Month-May 2018** – Celebrate the sacrifices and service of military families and service members.
  - b. **Gold Star Banner and Blue Star Banner Programs**—Displayed by families with a loved one serving (blue) or killed in combat (gold)
  - c. **POW/MIA Initiatives**—POW/MIA Recognition day, September 21, 2018
3. **Support implementation of homeland security programs of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary— [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)**
  - a. **CERT Training**—first aid, CPR, emergency skills
  - b. **Keep our communities safe - See Something Say Something** – <http://ready.wi.gov/SeeSay>
  - c. **Emergency Preparedness** – <http://ready.wi.gov>
4. **Provide recognition and support for ROTC and JROTC groups**
  - a. Have JROTC post colors at events
  - b. Reward participation with dinners to recognize their accomplishments

## What can you do?

You can contact the Military Family Assistance Centers with a Point of Contact (POC) for your Unit, County or District to be listed as a resource to provide support to military members and their families to assist in meeting their needs. Support the FRG's, by providing refreshments, volunteers or child and youth activities.

Refer service members and their families in need to Military Family Assistance Centers for any type of assistance.

Provide needed items to the USO of Wisconsin locations to lift the spirits of our troops and family members.

Partner with Operation Homefront or Badger Yellow Ribbon Programs to provide volunteers, refreshments or child and youth activities.

Participate in the National Military Family Month and Military Appreciation Month, provide Blue Star or Gold Star Banners to eligible military family members.

Prepare and train for emergencies – complete a CERT course, if you See Something, Say Something to law enforcement, Have an emergency plan and a “Go Bag”, practice your plan at home.

Follow the Legion's POW/MIA Empty Chair Resolution and have a POW/MIA Empty Chair at all official meetings.

Each award application must include a cover sheet.

All awards will be announced at National Convention during the National Security pre-convention meeting.

## National Security Reporting

### Mid-Year Reports:

Mid-Year reports reflect unit program work for the first half of the ALA year. Each Unit National Security chairman is required to submit a narrative report by December 15, 2017 to Department Chairman, Karen Degner, 914 Dreifuerst Road, Plymouth, WI 53073.

### Year-End Reports:

Annual reports reflect the unit and members' National Security work for the year. Each Unit National Security Chairman is required to submit a narrative report due by **April 15, 2018**, to the Department Chairman, Karen Degner, 914 Dreifuerst Road, Plymouth WI 53073.

### **As part of your narrative report, please include answers to the following questions:**

- Did members organize Welcome To Our Hometown events? If so, what was most successful? Did they have any challenges?
- What types of national security activities and/or projects were done at units in your department that weren't near a military installation?

## National Security Awards:

**Department Award:** Department National Security Program Award

**Type of Award:** Citation

**Presented to:** One department in each division (5 overall awards)

- For the most outstanding overall National Security program in the division.

### Materials and Guidelines:

- Entries must include the award cover sheet located in this packet.
- Each entry must be typewritten in narrative form.
- Include pictures and newspapers articles.
  - Pictures and articles to be included must be received by the Department National Security Chairman postmarked by May 1, 2018 or by 5 p.m. or by email sent by 5 p.m. CDT on May 1, 2018.

**Department Award:** Dorothy Pearl Civil Preparedness (CERT) Plaque

**Type of Award:** Citation Plaque

**Presented to:** One department

- For the department having the highest percentage of units participating in civil preparedness.

### Materials and Guidelines:

- Entries must include the award cover sheet located in this packet.
- Each entry must either be a narrative report or spreadsheet of participating units, CERT training dates, the number of participants registering for the program and number of participants completing the program.
- Entries must be sent by the department National Security chairman to national committee member postmarked by May 1, 2018, or by email sent by 5 p.m. EDT on May 1, 2018

**Department Award:** Military Spouse eMentor Award

**Type of Award:** Citation Plaque

**Presented to:** One department

- For the department having the highest percentage of members actively participating in military spouse e-mentoring and connected to military spouses

### Materials and Guidelines:

- Entries must include the award cover sheet located in this packet.
- Each entry must have a list/spreadsheet of participating members.
  - List of participating members must be received by the Department National Security Chairman postmarked by May 1, 2018 or by 5 p.m. or by email sent by 5 p.m. CDT on May 1, 2018.
  - Each department's participation percentage will be determined by the National Chairman. The percentage will be calculated based on the number of reported participating members who are serving as an e-mentor as of June 8, 2018, as reported by the e-mentoring program staff, divided by the department's membership number as of June 8, 2018. (For example, if 250 of the 300 members listed on the department's submitted spreadsheet were connected to military spouses, in a department with 5,000 members, the percentage would be 5 percent).

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**American Legion Auxiliary  
2017-2018 National Award Cover Sheet**

Send completed form to:

*National Security Chairman Karen Degner, 914 Dreifuerst Road, Plymouth WI 53073*

This cover sheet should be attached to each narrative submitted for a national award. Please fill out the information as completely and accurately as possible.

Award certificates will be completed using the information given on this sheet, so please write carefully. All awards will be mailed to the department office after national convention. Department presidents may wish to recognize award recipients by presenting them at a department function.

National committee sponsoring award:     NATIONAL SECURITY    

Type of Award:                     Department                     Unit                     Member

Name of the award you are applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the following if you are applying for a department award:**

Name of department: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of department chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's phone number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ALA member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the following if you are applying for a unit award.** Be sure to give the complete name of your unit. The award certificate will be prepared using the information you include below.

Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Full official unit name: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit president/chairman (circle one) name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ALA member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the following if you are applying for a member award.** Be sure to give the complete name of the member. The award certificate will be prepared using the information you include below.

Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Full official unit name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ALA member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Member (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Phone number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Email address: \_\_\_\_\_