


**AMERICAN
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AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN



2024-2025 National Security Program Engagement Plan

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PURPOSE

The National Security Program is to promote a strong national defense.

DEADLINES/IMPORTANT DATES

- April 1st: Submit National Security Unit narrative reports to the Department of Wisconsin. Narrative reports will be copied & distributed to the department chairman.
- June 1st: To be considered for a national award, the unit must submit their entry on-line through the ALA National Website - [National Security Program Awards \(legion-aux.org\)](http://legion-aux.org).
- June 1st: Units submit Salute to Service Member nominations on-line through the ALA National Website - [Salute to Servicemembers Award Form \(legion-aux.org\)](http://legion-aux.org).
- As a courtesy, please inform your department chairman of these submissions to National for Unit and/or Service Member recognitions.

GET INVOLVED

- Raise awareness of POW/MIAs and the work being performed by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) in the search for missing personnel.
- The ALA National Security program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families.
- Support all military families by working with their command group and family readiness groups.
- Support and enhance Legion Family and partner initiatives that strive to improve the Quality of Life (QoL) of our servicemembers and their families.
- Collaborate with other military service organizations such as Operation Homefront; USO Wisconsin; TAPS; MFAN; Blue Star Mothers; Ship-Thrifty and so many more.
- Purple Up for Military Children
- Support families whose service members made the ultimate sacrifice.
- Donate to the A.L.F. (American Legion Family) Dog Program.
- Promote participation in blood drives, CPR training, and emergency preparedness.
- Learn more about the UW Madison MIA Recovery & Identification Project by following this link - <https://mia.biotech.wisc.edu/>
- Or follow the Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/UWMissingInAction?mibextid=LQJ4d>

Resources:

- For suggestions on how to implement this program, please contact the Department Chairman listed at the beginning of this Program Engagement Plan.
- Troop Welcome Home/Send-Off Events [Welcome Troops Home \(legion-aux.org\)](http://legion-aux.org)
- Troop Care Packages [Troop Care Packages \(legion-aux.org\)](http://legion-aux.org)
- Ensure Quality of life for servicemembers - <https://www.legion.org/washingtonconference/258294/ensuring-quality-life-servicemembers>.
- Taking care of our people - <https://www.defense.gov/Spotlights/Taking-Care-of-Our-People>.
- Military OneSource - <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>.
- National POW/MIA Recognition Day - [POWMIA \(legion-aux.org\)](http://legion-aux.org)
- POW/MIA or Missing Man Table - <https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/National-Security/Missing-Man-Table>.
- Blue Star Banners - [Blue Star Banners \(legion-aux.org\)](http://legion-aux.org)
- Emergency Preparedness - [Community Emergency Response Team \(legion-aux.org\)](http://legion-aux.org)
- ALA Wisconsin National Security Facebook Group – ALA National Security Dept of Wisconsin
- ALA's National Security Facebook Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/915563745139663/>



SALUTE TO SERVICEMEMBERS

AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Established in 2003, this award has evolved from honoring women veterans to honoring active-duty women to honoring all enlisted personnel who are currently serving our country in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, and the National Guard/Reserve.

One enlisted servicemember from each branch of service as well as the National Guard/Reserve will be recognized at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention. Recipients will attend the National Convention as guests of the Auxiliary.

Nomination Eligibility

- A servicemember currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Nomination Requirements:

- The nominating person submits a narrative discussing the reason for the nomination
- The servicemember writes a narrative (750 words or less) and creates a video (3 minutes or less) that shows them discussing their service both in and out of uniform.
- The servicemember must be willing to be a guest of the Auxiliary and speak to the general assembly of the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention.
- Endorsement from a member of their command group must be included.
- The nominating form, along with all supporting documentation, must be completed and submitted by June 1, 2025.

YouTube Checklist for Servicemember

Criteria for video submission; please be sure that your video contains:

- does not contain any copyrighted music, video, images, or text (not legally owned)
- is not set to "private;" your video must be public.
- is 3 minutes or less in length

Online Application can be accessed: www.legion-aux.org/Salute-to-Servicemembers-Award-Form

Name of person making this nomination, if not the nominee:

First Name

Last Name

Email of person making this nomination, if not the nominee:

Phone Number of person making this nomination, if not the nominee:

Unit number and department of nominating ALA unit *

Servicemember's Name: *

First Name

Last Name

Servicemember's Email: *

Servicemember's Phone Number: *

Servicemember's Branch of Service: *

U.S. Coast Guard U.S. Air Force U.S. Army U.S. Navy U.S. Marines U.S. Space Force U.S. National Guard/Reserve

Servicemember's Rank/Pay Grade: *

Is the servicemember able to attend ALA National Convention?

YES NO

Is the servicemember comfortable with public speaking?

YES NO

Written narrative of nomination. *

No File Chosen

Written narrative from servicemember. *

No File Chosen

Video: Copy and paste URL of video link. *

Endorsement from a member of their command group. Please attach a separate document. *

No File Chosen

