



National Security Plan of Action

2025-2026

Purpose: The purpose of the National Security Committee is to promote a strong national defense.

Key Program Statements:

- 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 servicemembers 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

Looking for Ideas? Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALANationalSecurity>
Or Contact National Security Committee: NationalSecurity@ALAforVeterans.org

Important Dates:

- Year-end reports — May 15: Department chairmen reports due via email to division chairmen with a copy to national chairman.
- Department and Unit Award Nomination Form Completed and Submitted: June 1.
- Salute to Servicemembers Award Deadline: June 1.

Deadlines and Submission Requirements

All award submissions must include a narrative (either a PDF or Microsoft Word document) explaining why the department or unit you're nominating should receive the

award. The narrative can also be the department chair's report. You may also upload other supporting documentation that will give the committee a full picture of the important mission work your department or unit has accomplished this year. These files can be photos (JPG, JPEG or TIFs -- no larger than 14MB) or PDF documents. If you have more than three supporting files, please email the committee email address listed in the form.

Here are the national awards for this committee:

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit National Security Program (per division)

- All unit entries must be submitted via [electronic form](#) by 5 p.m. EST on June 1.

Note: You will receive a confirmation when your award is submitted.

National Awards Form Link: <https://www.legion-aux.org/National-Awards-Form>

Department Award: Dorothy Pearl Best Department National Security Award (per division)

- All department entries must be submitted via [electronic form](#) by 5 p.m. EST on June 1.

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Salute to Servicemembers Award

- Deadline: June 1

Established in 2003, this award honors 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.

[Award nomination form and information](#)

Questions? Contact NationalSecurity@ALAforVeterans.org

Fine Print:

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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 be sure to complete the [electronic form](#) in its entirety.

Please refer to the webpage for the specific criteria such as photographs, narrative length, submission deadline, and point of contact. All awards will be mailed to the department office after ALA National Convention. Department presidents may wish to recognize award recipients by presenting them with the award at a department function.