



American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Alabama  
National Security

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**Important Dates:**

Unit and District Reports due to Committee Chair by **May 1st**.

Unit Award Nomination Form Completed and Submitted by **June 1st**.

Salute to Servicemembers Award Completed and Submitted by **June 1st**.

**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.

Below are listed some ideas of how to support military families from past National Chair Michele DeGennaro.

- Invite military families to your local American Legion post home for a special family day event in their honor. Set up a welcome table with membership applications and names of local business that support veterans and military families. Provide a list of services your American Legion Family can help with. Let them know we are here to support and assist them.
- Host a movie day for kids so their parents/guardians can have a little time alone for themselves. Even just two hours allows these parents/guardians to accomplish some

well-deserved free time. Order a pizza or some groceries and have them delivered to their home. Baked goods are always a welcomed treat in any household.

- Being a single parent for months on end while a spouse is deployed is not only emotionally draining, but also physically demanding when taking on all the household chores. Offering to help around the house or yard can mean the world to these military families. Mowing lawns, fixing a fence, or maybe they are new to the neighborhood, and you can recommend a reliable service contractor.
- They say many hands make light work, so if you are an Auxiliary member and want to help or you belong to a smaller unit that doesn't have a lot of helpers, join forces with other organizations like Blue Star Families and ASYMCA.

**When reporting on your Unit please keep the following guidelines in mind for your narrative:**

- How have you supported military servicemembers and/or their families?
- How have you collaborated with other like-minded organizations (ASYMCA, Blue Star Families, Quilts of Valor, USO, etc.) that also support servicemembers and their families?
- How have you raised awareness of POW/MIAs and the work being performed by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) in the search for missing personnel?
- How have you supported those families whose servicemembers made the ultimate sacrifice?
- What did you do to promote the American Legion Auxiliary's Salute to Servicemember Award?
- Provide details/examples about the activity.
- Photos should be in a high-resolution format (at least 300 DPI) or sent using the high-resolution option on your smartphone. When emailing the photo, select "actual size" for attaching to the email. When possible, include photos of actual events and not embedded in the narrative but sent as a separate file.