## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

National Security Program 2020-2021 Service and Loyalty to our veterans, military and their families

What is the National Security program?

The ALA National Security program continues to promote a strong national defense by creating and volunteering in programs that strengthen our veterans, military and their families.

What can members and units do to help?

A. Support the emotional and social needs of active military, reserve and transitioning military service members and their families.

- Learn the issues affecting military families.
- Become knowledgeable of resources available so you can provide necessary assistance and connections to service members and their families.
- Introduce yourself to Legion Service Officer to identify possible needs.
- Support Reserves and transitioning service members.
- Engage and volunteer with groups such as Family Readiness Groups, Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, Operation Comfort Warriors, TAPS, USO affiliates, Parade Rest, Operation Home Front, Heroes and ROTC/JROTC units. Tapping into these resources will help to care for our active and reserve military as they serve, are hospitalized, are in transition, and return to civilian life.
- B. Assist military spouses to obtain employment.
  - Promote, and volunteer at job fairs.
  - Serve as a mentor.
  - Work with the local Chamber of Commerce and their empowering women programs.
- C. Support the National Security programs of the American Legion.
  - Complete CERT training.
  - Sponsor or volunteer at a blood drive. Give blood.
  - Contact schools to be "on call" for military children and their needs.
  - Host or volunteer at a POW/MIA Remembrance event.
  - Work with the Legion to honor ROTC/JROTC cadets. Attend drill team competitions.
  - Sign up for Legion"s Legislative Action Alerts; act on the ones regarding a strong national defense and effecting current/transitioning servicemembers and their families.

## NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

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We look forward to working with everyone to ensure President Dawn Thomas has a successful year.