



The American Legion Auxiliary is extending its administrative year through our 2021 National Convention due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please save your 2019-2020 reports and add the great work you will continue to do throughout the 2020-2021 year.

## 2019 - 2021 Annual Supplements to the Programs Action Plan National Security

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## What is this program, and why do we have it?

The National Security program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military servicemembers and their families.

### **National Security Awards Deadlines and Submission Requirements:**

Taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing! It helps us tell the world who we are, what we do, and why we matter. Just three simple steps to add your part to our national success story:

- 1) Please follow instructions as you fill out the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet found in the awards section of the Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan.
- 2) Provide details/examples about the activity as outlined in the 2017-2022 Programs Action Plan.
- 3) Make sure to include your data from 2019-2021 in your report.

National Report and Awards Cover Sheet, deadlines, and National Security committee contact information may be found on the National Security committee page on the national website, [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org).

- A. **Unit Award:** Most Outstanding Unit National Security Program (per division)
  - Deadline: June 1, 2021
  - Send to national division chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on the deadline listed above.
  
- B. **Department Award:** Dorothy Pearl Best Department National Security Program (per division)
  - Deadline: June 1, 2021
  - Send to national division chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on the deadline listed above.

### **National Security Reporting:**

#### Mid-Year Reports

Mid-Year reports reflect the program work of units in the department and are intended as an opportunity for mid-year correction. Each department National Security chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **January 5, 2021** to the division National Security chairman, plus copy the National Security chairman.

#### Year-End Reports

Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met. Each department National Security chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **May 15, 2021** to the division National Security chairman, plus copy the National Security chairman. Members and units should follow their department's protocol and deadlines for report submissions at the department level.

***Special 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History Program Facts:***

In 1924, Mrs. O.D. Oliphant (New Jersey) was elected National President. Under her leadership, the first Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense was held in Washington, D.C. in February 1925.

While in 1942, Mrs. Alfred J. Mathebat (California) was elected National President. Wartime rationing and travel restrictions continued to affect every American, including Auxiliary members, forcing cancellation of the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense. National President, Mrs. Rae Ashton (Utah), chaired the first Women's Forum on National Security, in January 1953, in Washington D.C. First Lady Mamie Eisenhower and Mrs. Pat Nixon, wife of the vice president, hosted the forum at the White House.

In 1973, with the still active Vietnam War, two Resolutions were passed by the delegates to the National Convention. One to continue support of the National League of Families and one to declare Memorial Day 1974 as a day to shout to Congress to "Get Our Men Home". In 1981, the American Legion Auxiliary Awareness Assembly held in Washington, D.C., replaces the Women's Forum on National Security.

In 1988, the National Security Committee Chairman, Linda Boone, reported that units and departments efforts raised and donated a total of \$108,400 for National President Alice Galka's special project, the USO.

The National Security Committee has remained continuous with the program. In 2015, the new ALA Military Readiness Action Guide was launched and provided members with a valuable online resource to assist in locating services for active-duty, reservists, and National Guard members.