

NATIONAL SECURITY
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NINETY YEARS OF SERVICE...WHAT A MILESTONE!

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY HAS ACCOMPLISHED MUCH SINCE NOVEMBER 11, 1919. AT A TIME WHEN OUR COUNTRY IS AT THE PEAK OF AWARENESS CONCERNING OUR SAFETY AND WELFARE, **NATIONAL SECURITY** MOVES TO THE FOREFRONT OF IMPORTANCE.

Purpose: To maintain and promote a strong National Defense by providing the necessary means to strengthen our Military Families and prepare our citizenry for response to natural and man-made disasters.

Department-level objectives:

1. To work with the Community Service Committee to schedule a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train the Trainer Course in each District to prepare our members to act as an emergency management resource.

Action steps:

- A. Prepare members, their families, and members of the community for natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods, hurricanes and blizzards, as well as man-made disasters.
- B. Utilize websites that address preparedness, such as the Citizen Corps CERT program, READY Program for Kids, FEMA's Are You Ready?, National Fire Prevention, and Red Cross.
- C. Promote National Preparedness Month (September).

Department-level objectives:

2. Support active military and their families both during and after deployment by showing them they are appreciated through Welcome Home greetings and providing home services (child care, yard work, social visits, cooking, recreation, etc.).

Action steps:

- A. Address the needs of deployed troops.
- B. Within our communities, assist the families of deployed military.
- C. Ensure that deployed troops returning to their communities are met with a warm and sincere welcome.
- D. Support initiatives of the National League of Families in the continued effort for a full accounting of America's POW/MIAs
- E. Promote Month of the Military Child (April)
- F. Promote National Military Appreciation Month (May)

Units of Department:

All year – Keep record of these projects for your year end reports.

Objective I – CERT

1. Did you host a CERT Program? _____
2. Number of members participating? _____

Objective II – Support for Military Families

3. through Welcome Home Greetings? (yes or no)
4. Offering Child Care? (yes or no)
5. Making social visits? (yes or no)
6. Cooking meals? (yes or no)
7. Doing yard work? (yes or no)

Objective III – Additional Military Related Initiatives
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8. Partnered with USO? (yes or no)
9. Provided Blue Star Banners? If yes how many? _____
10. Provided Gold Star Banners? If yes how many? _____
11. Sponsored Blood Donor Programs? (yes or no)
12. Adopt a ROTC/JROTC? (yes or no)
13. Presented medals and /or certificates? (yes or no)

If you answered yes to any of the above objectives -How many members participated/helped? How much time and money was spent? How many items were provided?

UNIT AWARDS:

A. Department National Security Program Award:

A citation plaque presented to the Department Chairman in each Division the reports the Most Outstanding Overall National Security program. Entry must be typewritten in narrative form, not to exceed 1,000 words. Do not include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc. All entries to be post-marked by May 8, 2010 and sent to Marva Kasl, 110 Whitmar, Dorchester, NE 68343

B. Dorothy Pearl Civil Preparedness (CERT) Plaque:

A citation plaque presented to the Department having the greatest percentage of Units participating in Civil Preparedness. Entry must be typewritten summary (narrative or spreadsheet) of participating units. CERT training dates, and numbers of participants registering for the program and number of participants completing the program. All entries to be post-marked by May 8, 2010 and sent to Marva Kasl, 110 Whitmar, Dorchester, NE 68343

C. Ione Kubby Department Plaque:

An engraved plaque presented to the Department Chairman reporting the Most Outstanding Overall Program serving military children and events during April – Month of the Military Child. Entries must be typewritten in narrative form, not to exceed 1,000 words. May include pictures (no more than 5) and news articles. All entries to be post-marked by May 8, 2010 and sent to Marva Kasl, 110 Whitmar, Dorchester, NE 68343

D. Military Support Unit Award:

A Citation plaque presented to a Unit in each Division that reports the Most Outstanding Overall Program supporting military families with special emphasis on enhancing quality of life and helping them through times of family member deployment and/or injury (severely wounded.) Entry must be typewritten in narrative form, not to exceed 1,000

words. May include pictures (no more than 5) and news articles. All entries to be post-marked by May 8, 2010 and sent to Marva Kasl, 110 Whitmar, Dorchester, NE 68343

E. ALA ROTC/JROTC Unit Program Certificate:

Certificates presented to Unit Chairman reporting the Most Outstanding Promotion of the ROTC/JROTC program through the ALA in their Department. All entries to be post-marked by May 8, 2010 and sent to Marva Kasl, 110 Whitmar, Dorchester, NE 68343

Resources provided through the American Legion Auxiliary

CERT Program Kit

National Affiliate Agreement with Department Homeland Security Citizen Corp

Resources provided through The American Legion

Brochures:

Blood Donor Program

Family Support Network

National Crime Prevention Month

National Fire Protection Program

ROTC List of Colleges and Universities

Emblem Sales: Blood Donor pins/certificates

Blue Star Banner

Gold Star Banners

POW/MIA Materials including Chair Covers

ROTC/JROTC Medals

Blue Star Mothers

Founded in 1942, Blue Star Mothers' original goals were to bring sons home, to ensure they received the benefits they deserved, help service member's families, help each other and to be there if something happened. Over the years, the goals have broadened to rehabilitation, hospital work, children's welfare and civil defense. www.bluestarmothers.org.

Citizen Corp Resources – Department of Homeland Security

1. Citizen Corp Program for with ALA is an affiliated partner – go to www.citizencorps.gov.
2. CERT Program – Community Emergency Response Team. <http://www.citizencorps.gov/programs/cert.shtm>
3. READY Program for Kids, Business and America. A series of resource material available to individuals to help them prepare for the unexpected. Visit www.Ready.gov
4. *Are You Ready? An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness* (IS-22) is FEMA's most comprehensive source on individual family, and community preparedness. The guide has been revised, updated and enhanced in August 2004 to provide the public with the most current and up-to-date disaster preparedness information available. www.fema.gov/areyouready/
5. Red Cross provides a number of excellent resources, including subscription to a eNewsletter. www.redcross.org

Comfort Quilts: To contribute quilt squares, assemble quilt kits or make monetary donations to www.marinecomfortquilts.us

Defense Commissary Agency – Coupon Clipping Before mailing coupons, check online for information about the individual commissary you would like to use. www.commissaries.com

Lets Say Thanks: This website gives you an opportunity to send a free printed postcard to US Military Personnel stationed overseas showing your support and appreciation for their services to our county. www.letsaythanks.com

Military One Source: Military One Source is the online resource for active and recently retired members of the military. This site provides wonderful resources for those serving these families. www.militaryonesource.com

National Fire Protection Association: For more information about National Fire Prevention Week (October), activities for kids at www.nfpa.org and www.sparky.org

National Military Appreciation Month: For the most comprehensive list of what's planned for activities during the month of (May) to celebrate this month go to www.nmam.org

Operation Military Kids (OMK): OMK is the Army's collaborative effort with America's communities to support the children and youth impact by deployment. This initiative, of which the American Legion Family is directly involved, was launched April 2005. operationmilitarykids.org/public/home.aspx

POW/MIA Resources: The National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia was incorporated in District of Columbia on May 28, 1970. www.pow-miafamilies.org or (703) 465-7432

ROTC Programs:

ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corp) is one of the best leadership courses in the country and is part of the college curriculum. During classes and field training, students learn first-hand what it takes to lead others. www.military.com

Sesame Street Workshop:

Talk, listen, and connect to a series of two DVD's designed specifically for children of military service members. These DVD's available through Military One Source, are great tools for parents and children alike.

Soldiers' Angels:

Soldiers' Angels is a 5013c Non Profit founded by Patti Patton-Bader, mother of Sgt. Brandon Varn, who has recently returned from a year's deployment to Iraq. Soldiers' Angels mission is to provide aide and comfort to any of the armed forces and their families. www.soldiersangels.org

Toasty Toes:

There are 17 chapters around the U.S. who will take the items made and distribute them accordingly, for patterns and distribution information. www.operationtoastytoes.org

USO:

The USO is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide morale, welfare and recreation-type services to our men and women in uniform. The USO currently operates more

then 120 centers worldwide, including seven mobile canteens located in the continental US and overseas. www.USO.org

CITATION POINTS - 20 points assigned

(Refer to form in this article - ABC Book)

5 pts...Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

5 pts...Support Military and Families)

10 pts... (For 2 projects Additional Military related Initiatives)
