



**NATIONAL
SECURITY**

**November is
National Military Family Appreciation Month**

- **Military families sacrifice when their servicemember is protecting our freedom.**
- **Welcome military families into our local communities, tell them how much we appreciate them, and let them know The American Legion Family is available to help them.**
- **Offer to babysit so a parent can go to the store, or help with projects around the house.**
- **Work together to find local businesses and contractors willing to work with military families.**
- **Our Junior Auxiliary members can help by making sure military kids are included in activities and other groups.**
- **Offer kindness and understanding and be there when a lonely spouse or child needs someone to talk to.**

Salute to Servicemembers Award

Award Nomination Form

- **Established in 2003**
- **Honors enlisted servicemember from each branch of service**
- **Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Space Force, National Guard/Reserve**
- **Recognized at American Legion Auxiliary National Convention**
- **Online Form submitted on alaforveterans.org**

Nomination Eligibility and Requirements

- **An enlisted servicemember currently serving in the United States Armed Forces with a Pay Grade of E1-E9**
- **Nominating person submits narrative discussing reason for nomination**
- **Endorsement from a member of their command group**
- **Servicemember invited to speak at National Convention.**
- **Form and supporting documentation must be completed/submitted by June 1, 2025, 5:00 pm EDT**
- **Don't wait, submit now!**
- **Let's have a nomination for all seven branches from the Department of Minnesota!**

Hurricane Relief

- **At this time, the National Security program has been tasked to support troops and first responders helping with cleanup within the hurricane areas in the southern states.**
- **Check on the families of those National Guard Units in your areas who have been deployed for this mission.**
- **Support all military families by working with their command group and family readiness groups.**

Key Program Emphasis

Raise awareness of POW/MIAs and the work being performed by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) in the search for missing personnel.

Support and enhance Legion Family and partner initiatives that strive to improve the Quality of Life (QoL) of our servicemembers and their families.

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)

Provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation using compassion, integrity, teamwork, respect, and innovation.



POW/MIA White Table



Wear RED!

Remember Everyone Deployed



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