Dept of CT National Security Program
2024-2025 Security

Below please find suggestions and ideas you can reference for your National Security projects within your Auxiliary Units and/or with your American Legion Family.

Deployed Military

- Care Packages (POC, Point of Contact needed)
- Pocket Prayer Quilts
- American Pocket Flags – americanlegionflags. Pocket-Flags or pocket flagproject.com (POC needed to send flags)
- https://www.dogsonduty.org/military-k9-dogs
- Military Appreciation Breakfast or Lunch
- RED (Remember Everyone Deployed) every Friday (take pictures)
- Distribute - Support Our Troops signs (Flag & Emblem Sales)

Military Families (November)

- Armed Forces Day – activities or meals (Military, EMT, Police, Fire)
- Military & Family Readiness Group
- Operation Comfort Warriors gift cards
- Military Spouse Day
- United Through Reading (in schools' program)
- CT National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program
- USO (United Service Organizations)
- Blue Star Commentary materials & banners
- Troop Welcome Home and Send Off events
- Holiday Food Baskets
- Sesame Street for military families' programs (7 adult & 47 children's topics)
- New Home Baskets for military

Military Child (April)

- Military Child's Table
- Brave Like Me (book Author Barbara Kerley)
- The Saluting Marine (book Author Tim Chambers)
- One Nation (book published by LIFE)
- Hero at Home (Author Sarah Verardo)
- Don't Forget, God Bless Our Troops (Author Jill Biden)
- Purple Up Day for Military Children
- Big Brothers & Big Sisters (Savers Thrift Stores in CT)
- New Baby Shower or Basket
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America (Big Brother/Big Sister Program)
- Armed Services YMCA program

CT National Guard

- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny (April)
- Back 2 School Bash (August)
- Service Members & Child Dinner Dance (November)

POW/MIA

- POW/MIA (Prisoners of War/Missing in Action) Bracelet
- POW/MIA/KIA Recognition Ceremony
- POW/MIA/KIA send pictures of Remembrance Table Settings.
- America's White Table (book)
- Flag & Emblem Sales Table Settings, Chair Panel and flag

Programs & Training

- Suicide Prevention (Be The One Legion program)
- AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Training - Red Cross or EMT providers
- Hands Only CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) - Red Cross or EMT providers
- Stop the Bleed (treatment of traumatic hemorrhage) Red Cross or EMT providers
- TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program) for surviving military families
- Fire Safety & Crime Prevention (program through local Fire & Police Department)
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) – local Police Department

Red Cross

- Holiday Cards for CT and RI Active Military
- First Aide Classes (offer program to any youth organizations)
- Baby Sitting Classes (offer program through schools or youth organizations)
- CPR (**C**ardio**P**ulmonary **R**esuscitation) Classes

Military Appreciation Events

- VA Stand Down (September), different locations around the state
- Any event where your military are given free access – attend and support
- Host a Quilt of Valor Foundation presentation for Service Members
- Recognition breakfast, lunch or dinner specifically for a brand of service, fire and/or police departments, pre-registration and attend in uniform.
- Support fundraising events where donated monies go directly to our military

The 2024-2025 End of Year Reports may be mailed (7 Noble Hill Rd, Bozrah, CT 06334-1511) or emailed (lehoskyj.ala@gmail.com) on or before May 1, 2025. Your narrative report will give details and include pictures of the program events your Unit accomplished during the year. Within your written report please include the Chairman's name, Unit number and Post name at the bottom of your report, with the number of members supporting an event, hours and monetary spendings. Thank You to every Unit for submitting your reports!