Department of CT National Security Program 2025-2026

The purpose of the ALA National Security program is to maintain and promote a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military servicemembers and their families. To raise awareness of POW/MIAs and the work being performed by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) in the search for missing personnel. To support all military families by working with their command group and family readiness groups. To support and enhance Legion Family and partner initiatives that strive to improve the Quality of Life of our service members and their families.

The purpose of the Department of CT National Security Progarm is to help members and Units get involved in some of the many programs that are available such as:

- Support and host events **on National POW/MIA Recognition Day** (the Third Friday in September).
- Post the POW/MIA flag or chair flag at every meeting or event.
- Remember to wear your red on Friday (**R**emember **E**veryone **D**eployed)
- Tips to support deployed servicemembers: Sending care packages and welcoming them home are just two of the many ways we can show support to those serving our nation.
- Work with and support the families of servicemembers who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country: American Gold Star Mothers/ American Gold Star Families and Blue Star Families
- Members can complete a Community Emergency Response Training Course **(CERT) –** Reach out to your Town Hall for information.
- Units can host a blood drive or members can donate blood
- Work with organizations that also support servicemembers such as Quilts of Valor Foundation (awarding a quilt to a veteran), Support your local USO and Red Cross

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