

# National Security

2009-2010 Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Auxiliary  
National President's Theme: Reconnect and Energize!

Plan of Action: National Security Committee

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.

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## National-level Objectives

1. **Objective:** To work with the Community Service Committee to schedule a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer course in each Department 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).
2. **Objective:** 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).
3. **Objective:** Support additional military related initiatives.

### Action Steps

- a. Seek out immediate family members of deployed military and provide them with a Blue Star Banner.
- b. Present Gold Star Banners to the immediate families of troops who sacrificed their lives for a grateful nation.
- c. Partnership with local USO affiliates to help with USO programs.
- d. Adopt a ROTC/JROTC unit at a local high school.
- e. Sponsor/host a Blood Donor Program.

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## To be filled out by Department Chairman:

Department Goals relating to above. Should have no more than three department-level goals supporting the National objectives outlined above. Department Chair - please share these with your Committee and forward a copy to your National Chairman. (This process does not need national approval.)

### 1. Objective:

#### Action Steps

a.

### 2. Objective:

#### Action Steps

a.

### 3. Objective:

#### Action Steps

a.

## Programs and Activities

1. Military Children and Month of the Military Child (April)
2. National Military Appreciation Month (May)

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## Committee Awards

1. Department National Security Program Award  
A citation plaque presented to the Department Chairman in each Division that 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 must be post-marked by June 1, 2010 and sent by the Department Chairman to the Division Chairman.
2. 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 a typewritten summary (narrative or spreadsheet) of participating Units, CERT training dates, and number of participants registering for the program and number of participants completing the program. All entries must be post-marked by June 1, 2010 and sent by the Department Chairman to the National Vice Chairman.
3. 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). Entry must be typewritten in narrative form, not to exceed 1,000 words. May include pictures (no more than five) and news articles. All entries must be post-marked by June 1, 2010 and sent by the Department Chairman to the National Chairman.
4. 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 five) and news articles. Department Chairmen are responsible for informing Units of their due dates. All entries must be post-marked by June 1, 2010 and sent by the Department Chairman to the Division Chairman.
5. 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. Department Chairmen will establish the report form and relay deadline date for entries to their Units. Department Chairmen will send winning Unit information including Unit number and address and Unit President and/or Chairman name to the Program Coordinator by June 1, 2010.

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## Resources

1. CERT Program Kit; provided through the Auxiliary
2. National Affiliate Agreement with Department Homeland Security Citizen Corps; provided through the Auxiliary
3. Blood Donor Program, Family Support Network, National Crime Prevention Month, National Fire Protection Program, ROTC List of Colleges & Universities; all brochures provided by The American Legion
4. USO; [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org)

See program page on [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org) for additional resources

American Legion Auxiliary  
National Security—Annual Report Form 2009-2010

Please complete and forward to Diane Duscheck, 5064 N. Elkhart Ave., Whitefish Bay, WI 53217.

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Report Deadline: June 1, 2010  
Chairman Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number of Units \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Units Reporting \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please report numbers of units and volunteers, and dollars and hours where applicable.

National-level Objective I: CERT

1. Number of units hosting CERT Program \_\_\_\_\_
2. Number of members participating in CERT training \_\_\_\_\_

National-level Objective II: Support for Military Families

3. through Welcome Home Greetings # of Units \_\_\_\_\_
4. offering child care # of Units \_\_\_\_\_
5. making social visits # of Units \_\_\_\_\_
6. cooking meals # of Units \_\_\_\_\_
7. doing yard work # of Units \_\_\_\_\_

National-level Objective III: Additional Military Related Initiatives

8. Units partnering with USO # of Units \_\_\_\_\_  
# of volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ and total hours \_\_\_\_\_  
Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_
9. Units providing Blue Star Banner # of Units \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Banners provided \_\_\_\_\_
10. Units providing Gold Star Banner # of Units \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Banners provided \_\_\_\_\_
11. Units sponsoring Blood Donor Programs # of Units \_\_\_\_\_  
# of volunteers \_\_\_\_\_
12. Units adopting ROTC/ JROTC # of Units \_\_\_\_\_
13. Units presenting medals and/or certificates # of Units \_\_\_\_\_  
# of medals presented \_\_\_\_\_  
# of certificates presented \_\_\_\_\_

Please include additional details regarding National Security projects and activities on the back of this form or on a separate piece of paper.