

# 2015-2016 National Security Plan of Action

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## What is this program all about?

The National Security Program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by supporting military servicemembers and their families.

## What can we do?

1. Support the emotional and social needs of active, reserve and transitioning servicemembers and their families.

- Wear red on Fridays to “Remember Everyone Deployed”
- Identify recipients and present Blue Star or Gold Star commemoratives to businesses or military families.
- Volunteer at or organize activities at an installation Family Readiness Center or USO
- Support reserve and transitioning servicemembers and families by working with a returning National Guard or Reserve unit or an individual transitioning servicemember or family
- Greet servicemembers or military families as they deploy and/or return from deployment
- Prepare care packages and letters
- Organize or assist with a Yellow Ribbon program
- Assist families with connecting to other units when moving or changing locations
- Co-host or participate in a Holiday Mail for Heroes event with your local American Red Cross

2. Support servicemember families in getting and maintaining employment

- Adopt a military family
- E-Mentor program for spouses and family members
- Assist or direct families to local resources for needed assistance

3. Support the National Security Programs of the American Legion

- Follow the Legion’s POW/MIA Empty Chair Resolution 288 at all official meetings
- Hold or assist with a POW/MIA ceremony
- Complete a Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) course
- Prepare and distribute emergency preparedness kits for servicemember families
- Organize a blood drive, donate blood or assist at a blood drive in your community
- Host first aid/CPR training at your post
- Support ROTC and JROTC activities

## *National Security Reporting*

### **Mid-Year Report**

Mid year reports may be in any form, however narratives (short stories) are preferred. Please include details of what your unit has done. You are encouraged to include pictures of your activities and events. As a part of your report is sure to report Blue Star and gold Star Banner activities, MIA remains notification, welcome home events and connecting military families to other units. These activities are reported to National.

Mid-year reports must be received no later than **December 15, 2015**. Reports can be emailed to Mary Wright at mmwright@brcainc.org or mailed to 108 Glendale Street Morganton, NC 28655. Please use Microsoft Word format.

### **Year-End Report**

Mid-year reports may be in any form; however narratives (short stories) are preferred. Please include details of what your unit has done. You are encouraged to include pictures of your activities and events. As a part of your report is sure to report Blue Star and gold Star Banner activities, MIA remains notification, welcome home events and connecting military families to other units. These activities are reported to National.

Mid-year reports must be received no later than **April 30, 2016**. Reports can be emailed to Mary Wright at mmwright@brcainc.org or mailed to 108 Glendale Street Morganton, NC 28655. Please use Microsoft Word format.

It is very important to complete and return reports so that we can gather the impact information for reporting to national. Units are encouraged to submit a narrative report (short story) **in addition** to the completing the Year End report form.

## *National Security Awards*

### National Awards

**Unit Award:** Military Spouse Unit Award

**Type of Award:** Citation

**Presented to:** One unit in each division (5 overall awards)

**Deadline:** Entries are due to National Chairman postmarked by June 1, 2016 or by email sent by 5:00 pm EDT on June 1, 2016.

**Unit Award:** Million Member Award

**Type of Award:** Citation Plaque

**Presented to:** One unit chairman in each division (5 overall awards)

Materials and Guidelines for Unit Awards:

- Entries must include a cover sheet located in the National Plan
- Demonstration outstanding overall program serving and supporting military families.
- Entries must be typewritten in narrative form, not to exceed 1,0 words
- Include pictures and newspaper articles

Additional information, guidelines and cover sheet available on the National POA or Department Chairman. The National Cover Sheet is attached if you would like your activity to be submitted to National.

### Department Awards

Certificate to each unit submitting a mid-year report

Certificate and gift to best narrative mid-year report

Certificate and gift to best narrative year-end report

## **Additional Resources**

American Legion Auxiliary Military Family Readiness Action Guide

Blue Star and Gold Star Banner: [www.legion.org/troops/bluestar](http://www.legion.org/troops/bluestar)

Family Support Network: [www.legion.org/family](http://www.legion.org/family) support

VA-sponsored welcome home events: [www.volunteer.va.gov/Welcome\\_Home\\_Events.asp](http://www.volunteer.va.gov/Welcome_Home_Events.asp)

Emergency Preparedness Information: [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov)

CERT Program: [www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams](http://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams)

### **Asheville Military Family Resource Center**

7 Yorkshire St Suite 101 Asheville, NC 28003  
(828) 274-8571/Fax: (828) 274-7209

### **Charlotte Unit Family Contact Center**

4240 West Blvd Charlotte 28208  
(800) 621-4136

### **Greensboro State Family Assistance Center**

1401 N Memorial Drive Greensboro, NC 27834  
(336) 691-7725

### **Greenville State Family Assistance Center**

141 N. Memorial Drive Greenville NC 27834  
(800) 621-4136 Ext 11150

### **Southern Pines Unit Family Contact Center**

500 Morganton Road, P O Box 1317 Southern Pines 28387  
(800) 621-4136 Ext 12863

### **Wilmington Unit Family Contact Center**

2412 Infantry Road Wilmington, NC 2845  
(800) 621-4136

### **Lenoir State Family Assistance Center**

1535 Beecher Anderson Road  
(800) 621-4136 Ext 11242

### **Raleigh Unit Family Contact Center**

4105 Reedy Creek Rd Raleigh, NC 27602  
(800) 621-4136

### **JFHQ Unit Family Contact Center**

1636 Gold Star Rd Raleigh, NC 27607  
(800) 621-4136

### **Smithfield Unit Family Contact Center**

46 Hospital Road Smithfield, NC 27577  
(800) 621-4136 Ext 12784

### **Winston-Salem Family Unit Contact Center**

2000 Silas Creek Parkway W-S, NC 27103  
(800) 621-4136 Ext 17131

**National Security  
Mid- Year Report  
2015-16**

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Deadline: No later than December 15, 2016  
**\*\*Can be mailed or emailed!!\*\***  
Please send pictures too!!  
Consider submitting narrative!

Unit Name & #: \_\_\_\_\_ Div: \_\_\_\_\_ Dist: \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Number of Blue Star/Gold Star banners presented \_\_\_\_\_ # hours spent \_\_\_\_\_  
Money spent \_\_\_\_\_ # Volunteers \_\_\_\_\_
2. Emergency Preparedness Kits to military families: Money spent \_\_\_\_\_  
# hours spent \_\_\_\_\_ # Volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ Value in kind donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. E-Mentor: # of hours spent \_\_\_\_\_ # of spouses mentored \_\_\_\_\_
4. CERT Training: # of participants registered for training\_ # of participants  
completing training \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of training \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please provide on separate page if needed)
5. Yellow Ribbon Integration: # hours\_\_ Money spent \_\_\_\_\_ #volunteers  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. USO (not included in Bagram project): # hours \_\_\_\_\_ Money spent \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ #volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ Value in kind donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_
7. Heroes to Hometown: # hours \_\_\_\_\_ Money spent \_\_\_\_\_  
#volunteers \_\_\_\_\_
8. Operation Comfort Warrior # hours \_\_ Money spent \_\_\_\_\_  
#volunteers \_\_\_\_\_
9. POW/MIA : # hours \_\_\_\_\_ Money spent \_\_\_\_\_ #volunteers \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ # meetings POW/MIA resolution used \_\_\_\_\_ # of POW/MIA  
ceremonies performed \_\_\_\_\_
10. Red Cross: # hours \_\_\_\_\_ Money spent \_\_\_\_\_ #volunteers
11. ROTC/JROTC: # hours\_ Money spent \_\_\_\_\_ #volunteers \_\_\_\_\_
12. How many MIA families were recognized following notification of remains  
# Families \_\_\_\_\_

13. How many families were connected to other units when moving or transitioning? # families \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Did your unit host any deployment of welcome home events? If yes, # deployments \_\_\_\_\_ # welcome home events \_\_\_\_\_ # of service members served \_\_\_\_\_ #volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ # hours \_\_\_\_\_ money spent \_\_\_\_\_ Value in kind donations received \_\_\_\_\_
15. Did your unit assist active or transitioning military families? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, # events \_\_\_\_\_ # of families assisted \_\_\_\_\_ #volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ # hours \_\_\_\_\_ money spent \_\_\_\_\_ Value in kind donations received \_\_\_\_\_ Description event or assistance \_\_\_\_\_
16. Did your unit adopt a military family? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes # of families assisted \_\_\_\_\_ # in family \_\_\_\_\_ #volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ # hours \_\_\_\_\_ money spent \_\_\_\_\_ Value in kind donations received \_\_\_\_\_  
Description event or assistance: (attach additional sheet if needed)
- 17.16. Did your unit coordinate with similar mission focused organizations like the Red Cross Service to Armed Forces to provide for active duty service members and their families? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
18. If yes, # events \_\_\_\_\_ # of families assisted \_\_\_\_\_ #volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ # hours \_\_\_\_\_ money spent \_\_\_\_\_ Value in kind donations received \_\_\_\_\_  
Description event or assistance: (attach additional sheet if needed)
19. Did your unit work as a Legion Family to provide practical assistance to service members and their families? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, # events \_\_\_\_\_ # of families assisted \_\_\_\_\_ #volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ # hours \_\_\_\_\_ money spent \_\_\_\_\_ Value in kind donations received \_\_\_\_\_  
Description event or assistance: (attach additional sheet if needed)
20. Did you assist military spouses in getting and/or maintaining employment  
a. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ # families \_\_\_\_\_  
List Names:

Attach additional sheets if needed for responses to any question above