

## 2016-2017 National Security Program Action Plan

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What is this program all about?

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

What can we do?

1- Support the emotional and social needs of active, reserve and transitioning military service members and their families.

- Support Blue Star and Gold Star Families
- Wear Red on Fridays to “Remember Everyone Deployed”
- AS a gesture of appreciation for local service members military service, decorate your community with yellow ribbons
- Host a Blood Drive with your American Red Cross
- Greet service members and/or military families as they are deployed or return from a deployment
- Prepare care packages and letters
- Volunteer or organize activities at a USO or Family Readiness Center

2- Support the National Security Programs of the American Legion

- Follow the Legion’s POW/MIA Empty Chair Resolution 288 at all official meetings
- Support your ROTC and JROTC with recognition awards
- Collect supplies for emergency preparedness kit and distribute in your community
- Complete Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)
- Host first aid/CPR training at your Unit

3- Support service member families in getting and maintaining employment

- Serve as a mentor in the E-Mentor program for spouses and family members
- Adopt a military family
- Support military spouse job fairs in your community
- Direct families to local resources for needed assistance

### **Additional Resources:**

American Legion Auxiliary Military Family Readiness Action Guide

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

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

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 Suite101, Asheville NC 28003 (828)-274-8571

\*Charlotte Unit Family Contact Center

4240 West Blvd, Charlotte NC 28208 (800)621-4136

\*Greensboro State Family Assistance Center

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

\*Southern Pines Unit Family Contact Center

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

\*Greenville State Family Assistance Center

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

\*Raleigh Unit Family Contact Center

4105 Reedy Creek Rd. Raleigh NC 27602 (800)6214136

**National Security Reporting**MID-YEAR Report: Please include details of activities your unit has done with Blue Star and Gold Star Families, POW/ MIA activities and any welcome home or deployments. Please send pictures.

**Mid- year reports must be received no later than December 15, 2016**

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YEAR-END Report: Please include details of activities your unit has done with Blue Star and Gold Star Families, POW/MIA activities, any welcome home or deployments and any other programs through the National Security" PAP"

Year-End reports must be received no later than April 30, 2017

National Security Awards

National Awards:

Unit Award: Military Spouse Unit Award

Type of Award: Citation

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

Materials AND Guidelines for Unit Awards:

- Entries must include a cover sheet located in the National Plan
- Demonstrating outstanding overall program serving and supporting military families
- Entries must be typewritten in narrative form, not to exceed 1,000 words
- Include pictures and newspaper articles

Department Awards:

- Certificate to each unit submitting a mid-year report
- Certificate to each unit submitting a year-end report
- Certificate and gift to the unit submitting the BEST Narrative Year-End Report