



**American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of California  
Shore Patrol National Security**

**January 2022**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR. Passing along information and reminders for 2022**

**REMINDER: Don't Forget the following Deadlines.**

**End of Year Advance Information (AWARD DATES) Just a reminder.**

- All Unit reports are due to District Chairman **NO LATER THEN APRIL 8,2022**
- All District reports are due to Department Chairman **NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2022**

**JANUARY is National Security month.** The National Security program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families. These things can happen by collaborating with similar mission-focused organizations within your communities who provide and support to our service members and their families. This is a New Year with new opportunities to think outside the box to bring joy and happiness to our service men and women and their families. With the pandemic still in our lives and the all the Natural disasters happening around us, this is the time to step up and get involved to help each other, our community and our service men and women. We can be the change we want to see in the world. This is **“What we do” and “Who we are”**.

You can plan your mission-related activities, by contacting your **Family Readiness Group, Lions Club, Rotary, Knights of Columbus, Emergency personnel, Schools and Churches**, and the list goes on. Most importantly, when planning an activity or event, involve The American Legion Family. While some members will donate financially, others will volunteer service hours. Those who are limited in their financial assistance can give their time to make your activity or event successful.

Here's some ideas on activities and events you can work within your District and or Units.

- Contact emergency personnel to assist with Citizen Corps Community Emergency Response Training.
- Host an exercise to give training in first aid, CPR, or other types of emergency skills.
- Collect supplies for emergency preparedness kits, and distribute them in your community.
- Adopt-a-Military Family.
- Look for contacts who know of military families in your community.
- Send handwritten notes or emails inviting military families to functions.

- Go to the **[www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)** and review the ALA National Security Program and National Security Action Plan for additional information.

**Additional RESOURCES: REMINDER**

- [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) resources on the National Security program page:
- [ALA-Operation Homefront Action Guide](#)
- [ALA-USO Action Guide](#)

**INSTRUCTION HOW TO SHEETS:**

- [How to Plan a Send Off or Welcome Home Event](#)
- [How to Support Troops and their Families on Military Installations](#)[How to Plan a POW/MIA Remembrance Service](#)

The American Legion Auxiliary makes a positive difference in the lives of millions of veterans and their families every year; you can make an even bigger difference by presenting a positive attitude as you serve and work with others. Don't just think positive thoughts-spread optimism. Do something positive.

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