



National Security Bulletin 2

Hello to all of my Strategic Planning Commissioners. I hope everyone is doing well and strategically planning their year. This is bulletin #2 and by now most strategic planners have their year mapped out.

What is the purpose of National Security? The purpose of the National Security Committee is to promote a strong national defense. Standing Rule #7, Core National Standing Committees.

Key Program Statements:

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

On September 20, 2024, we observe National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Here a little history:

- National POW/MIA Recognition Day was established in 1979 through a proclamation signed by President Jimmy Carter. Since then, each subsequent president has issued an annual proclamation commemorating the third Friday in September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day.
- A national-level ceremony is held on every National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Traditionally held at the Pentagon, it features members from each branch of military service and participation from high-ranking officials.
- In addition to the national-level ceremony, observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day are held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, State Capitols, schools, and Veterans' facilities.
- No matter where they are held, these National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies share the common purpose of honoring those who were held captive and returned, as well as those who remain missing.
- Does your Unit/Post observe National POW/MIA Day? If so, does your Unit participate in the ceremony?

I look forward to seeing you all in Clovis. I can't wait to hear all the things you have planned for your Units and Districts.

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