



National Security

The National Security program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military servicemembers and their families; promoting community preparedness and awareness; and providing support to local First Responders.

How can I help?



Did you know that food insecurity is a major issue for those who serve? Many military families must rely on SNAP (formerly food stamps) and food banks to supplement their household needs. Often times they find that they do not qualify for participation in SNAP programs because of an unintended barrier to assistance for struggling military families — counting a servicemember's housing allowance as revenue in determining eligibility for federal nutrition programs like SNAP (formerly food stamps).

There is a dire need to assist these military families, not only those on or near military bases, but in communities nationwide

Where do I find information about this program?

Food Pantries - This year's focus will be on food insecurity and providing relief through the development of food pantries at military bases.

The ALA has developed a webinar to help ALA members connect with pre-existing military food pantries nationwide, it illustrates how poppy funds can be used for food pantries when working with active-duty military families, and share ways you can connect with the military — even if you don't live near a military installation. You can find this webinar at: <https://www.legion-aux.org/Blog/New-ALA-webinar-explains-usage-of-poppy-funds>

Let's work together to ease the burden of feeding their families.

There will be a program action plan that helps with this and many other activities in support of the National Security program. It will be distributed in September.

There is also a National Security Facebook Group that provides an arena for organic discussion about National Security programs and services. It serves as a place to network with others.

The National Security committee is here to help assist you in promoting this program of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Department of Texas.

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