

2025-2026 NATIONAL SECURITY TEXAS PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT PLAN (PEP)



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

SUPPORT ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY FAMILIES

To locate the nearest family support group regardless of branch of service

Work with an installation Family Readiness Group (FRG)

Remember even if you aren't near a military installation, there are likely servicemembers and their families in your community;

Active-duty military recruiters;

National Guard and Reservists.

Use Military OneSource's *find-your-installation* link for local information.

Don't forget the **military recruiters** who live in your community! They are present in communities across the country. Stop by your local recruiting station and introduce yourself and ask about needs they personally have and families they can convey your desire to assist.

RAISE AWARENESS OF POW/MIAs and the work being performed by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) in the search for missing personnel.

www.defense.gov/multimedia/experience/POW-MIA/

Host events in honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Day the third Friday each September.

<https://dpaa-mil.sites.crmforce.mil/dpaaFamWebPosters>

Post a POW/MIA Flag and/or chair at every meeting or event.

If you or someone you know is related to a servicemember classified as Missing in Action, please consider donating mitochondrial DNA to assist identification processes. For more information visit

<https://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Health-Readiness/AFMES?type=Articles>

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**“Stand up for VETERANS
Stand PROUD for TEXAS”**

Work with like-minded organizations to support the families of servicemembers who died during service to our country:

- American Gold Star Mothers
- American Gold Star Families
- Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)
- Utilize **Military OneSource.mil** resources to assist those you know in need.



SUPPORT AND ENHANCE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY and partner initiatives that strive to improve the Quality of Life (QoL) of our active duty military & their families

Find out more information about the BASE program at

<https://www.legion.org/publications/259059/base-assessment-and-servicemember-experience-program>

Work with your Legion post by supporting their current efforts within the BASE program

Collaborate with other like-minded organizations that also support servicemembers and their families:

- **ASYMCA Texas: Fort Hood, Fort Bliss, San Antonio (coming soon)**
- **BLUE STAR FAMILIES**
- **USO** -----

- **SALUTE TO SERVICEMEMBERS –**

Male or Female. Find a worthy service member to nominate!

Let's have Texas submit at least one from every branch!

(SEE SAMPLE FORM ON NEXT PAGE)

USO LOCATIONS IN TEXAS

A USO Dallas/Fort Worth International ...
DFW Airport, TX · (972) 973-7708
Open · Closes 10:30 PM
Onsite services

B USO
Dallas, TX
Open · Closes 10:30 PM
Dine-in · No delivery

C USO South Texas NAS Corpus Christi
Corpus Christi, TX · (361) 961-2391
Open · Closes 3:30 PM

DEADLINES/IMPORTANT DATES

Year End Report to Department Chairman Marty no later than April 30, 2026

Salute to Servicemembers Nomination to Dept Chairman Marty no later than

May 15, 2026. These should be emailed to marty54@sbcglobal.net with



NATL SECURITY YE REPORT in the subject line;

SALUTE TO SERVICEMEMBERS in the subject line

[SEE NEXT 2 PAGES FOR SAMPLE SALUTE NOMINATION FORM INFORMATION]

Award Nomination Form

Established in 2003, this award honors one enlisted servicemember (pay grade E1-E9) from each branch of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and Space Force) as well as the National Guard/Reserve. Recipients will be recognized at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention and will be invited to attend the National Convention as guests of the Auxiliary.

Nomination Eligibility:

- An enlisted servicemember (pay grade E1-E9) currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Nomination Requirements:

- The nominating person submits a narrative discussing the reason for the nomination.
- A picture of the servicemember (preferably official Department of Defense photograph),
- Endorsement from a member of their command group must be included.
- The nominating form, along with all supporting documentation, must be

COMPLETED & SUBMITTED BY MAY 15, 2026 5PM ELECTRONICALLY TO:

marty54@sbcglobal.net

The servicemember will be invited to speak to the general assembly of the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention as a guest of the American Legion Auxiliary. If operational requirements prevent the servicemember's attendance at National Convention then other arrangements for their presentation to the general assembly will be made.

Is the servicemember able to attend ALA National Convention? *

YES NO

Is the servicemember comfortable with public speaking? *

YES NO

Name of person making this nomination*

First Name

Last Name

Email of person making this nomination*

Phone Number of person making this nomination, *

ALA Department of nominating unit *

TEXAS

Unit name and number nominating ALA unit *

Servicemember's Name: *

First Name

Last Name

Servicemember's Email: *

Servicemember's Phone Number: *

Servicemember's Branch of Service (Branch of service includes reservists who have been on active-duty orders within the last 24 months): *

- U.S. Coast Guard U.S. Air Force U.S. Army U.S. Navy U.S. Marine Corps U.S. Space Force
 National Guard

Servicemember's Pay Grade: *

HAVE A PHOTO OF THE SERVICE MEMBER (OFFICIAL DOD PHOTO IF POSSIBLE)

YOUR WRITTEN NOMINATION (sample to be provided for guidance)

Have an endorsement from a member of Servicemember's Command Group