VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA

NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION'S WEEKLY REPORT

Mario Marquez, Director
MMarquez@legion.org

November 7 - November 10, 2022

STAFF ACTIVITY

- NS Staff hosted a virtual roundtable titled *"Military Recruitment and Retention,"* attended by veterans from different branches of service and age groups. The focus of the discussion centered on their insight and recommendations on how veterans can assist with DoD's recruiting and retention efforts.

- NS Director attended a meeting with Blue Star Families. The discussion focused on how the American Legion and Blue Star Family can collaborate on military quality of life-related matters.

- NS Staff is in the process of coordinating details for the National Commander's upcoming travel to the Departments of Hawaii and Philippines (Okinawa, Japan visit).

- NS Staff supported the 40th Anniversary of the Veterans Day celebration at the Vietnam Veterans Wall memorial.

- National Security Staff hosted American Legion Auxiliary National President Koutz for discussions involving National Security, POW/MIA, and a wreath laying at the Vietnam Women's Memorial on Veterans Day.

- For Legionnaires who have not had the opportunity to do so, please read the National Security Strategy and 2022 National Defense Strategy policy documents released by the White House and DoD.

- For those Legionnaires who would like to sign up for the daily (weekdays only) email version of the Department of Defense's ***Early Bird Brief Newsletter,*** please register at the following link: *Defense News Early Bird Sign Up*

POW/MIA

November 7, 2022

- Airman accounted for from World War II (Eeds, C.)
- Soldier accounted for from World War II (Tash, J.)
- Airman accounted for from World War II (Holeman, D.)

November 8, 2022

- Soldier accounted for from Vietnam War (Zich, L.)

DPAA has identified/repatriated ***170*** servicemembers so far this year.

PROGRAMS (The American Legion Military Surplus Equipment)

- Processed request: Ammo – 7,100; Clips – 50; Rifle -4; Static Display – 0
- Participants: Post – 4; Department – 4

Law Enforcement Officer and Fighter Fire of the Year Awards Submissions

Each year, The American Legion gives its National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award to a well-rounded law enforcement officer who has exceeded the duty requirements expected of their position and has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service coupled with professional achievement. The award, especially considering heroic acts, is presented annually at the Legion's national convention.

Department Law and Order Committees are encouraged to select and honor a Law Enforcement Officer of the Year at their conventions. Departments nominate their winners for the national award by submitting an application to The American Legion. Applications must be received no later than Feb. 1. Departments may only submit one nomination per year. Only department winners are eligible for the national award, which will be awarded in person to the winner at national convention.

As of 2010, The American Legion has given a National **Firefighter** of the Year Award to a firefighter who has exceeded the requirements expected of their position and has shown a distinct pattern of community service and professional achievement. The award, which takes into account heroic acts, will be given annually at the Legion's national convention. Departments nominate their winners for the national award by submitting an application to the National Security Division via email to Nriffel@legion.org.

Tip of the Week

The Static Display Program is controlled by the Army Donations Program Office in the Integrated Logistics Support Center of the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command at Detroit Arsenal, Michigan.

Eligible organizations may qualify to receive conditionally issued, condemned, or obsolete Army equipment for static display purposes. Use the following links to apply for a static display.

Annual Certification of Army Materiel Status Fillable Form
Veterans Organization Qualification Form
Municipalities Qualification Form
Privacy Act Notice