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NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION'S WEEKLY REPORT

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STAFF ACTIVITY

- NS Staff is finishing up the Advanced NEC Report in preparation for the Spring NEC Meeting.
- NS Staff assisted with preparing the National Commander for his testimony before a Joint House and Senate VSO hearing. Video of the hearing can be found here.
- NS Staff reviewed the recently published 2024 Annual Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community Report from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. The report can be read here.
- NS Staff virtually attended a House Armed Services Committee hearing titled, "*U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in North and South America*." Video of the hearing can be viewed here.
- NS Staff virtually attended a House Armed Services Committee hearing titled, "*U.S. and Adversary Hypersonic Capabilities.*" Video of the hearing can be viewed here.
- NS Staff virtually attended a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing titled, "*Global Security Challenges and U.S. Strategy."* Video of the hearing can be viewed here.
- NS Staff virtually attended a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on "U.S. strategy in the Pacific Island region." Video of the hearing can be viewed here.
- NS Staff finalized firefighter and law enforcement of the year awards that will be presented during department conventions and National Convention.
- NS Staff is waiting on the final formatted version of MCAS Yuma Quality of Life Report for review and then release.
- NS Staff continued working on updated standard operating procedure (SOP) binders for national security programs.
- NS Staff continues planning for several military quality of life installation visit(s).
- NS Staff worked on various travel options for the upcoming National Commander travel to Europe.

POW/MIA

Mar. 14, 2024

- Airman Accounted for from WWII (Porter, R.)
- Soldier Accounted for from WWII (Wolfe, J.)

Mar. 13, 2024

- Airman Accounted for from WWII (Kasten, R.)

Mar. 12, 2024

- Soldier Accounted for from WWII (Schlamp, R.)
- USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted for from WWII (Winfield, S.)

Mar. 11, 2024

- USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted for from WWII (Thornton, C.)

DPAA has identified/repatriated 31 service members this year.

PROGRAMS (The American Legion Military Surplus Equipment)

- Processed request: Ammo – 8,860; Rifles – 33; Clips – 50; Static Displays – 0
- Participants: Posts – 8; Departments – 7

The American Legion JROTC/ROTC Program

- Military Excellence – 5
- Scholastic Excellence – 3
- Departments – 3

TIP OF THE WEEK

On Saturday, March 23, 2024, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) will host a Family Update beginning at 9:00am in Kansas City, Missouri.

Location:

Embassy Suites by Hilton Kansas City International Airport Hotel
7640 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway
Kansas City MO 64153

Contact information: Please ask for Mike Fowler or Greg Hayes (301-785-3634)

We encourage Legionnaires in the area to attend if able and introduce yourselves to show support for DPAA's mission.