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NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION'S WEEKLY REPORT

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STAFF ACTIVITY

- NS Director attended a quality of life visit ,with NC Legionnaires in attendance, at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, NC. Issues identified at the installation focused heavily on problems with privatized housing and Military Construction-related funding. The visit also serves as a "test" for how the Legion's military quality of life program can be executed in 2023. Staff is working to combine lessons-learned into the standard operating procedure manual as well as including new issues into the program's focus of effort plan.

- NS staff attended a virtual meeting titled "*Defense Innovation Board*," hosted by the Department of Defense (DOD). The meeting focused on how collaboration between DOD and the private sector can better equip the "Warfighter" along with other modernization efforts for the Armed Forces. ***(Resolution No. 127: Transform America's Armed Forces)***

- NS staff attended a virtual VSO roundtable hosted by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The meeting focused on barriers that can impede talent management efforts within the Department of Defense, often having unintended consequences on servicemember's Quality of Life. ***(Resolution No. 85: Support for Military Quality of Life Standards)***

- NS staff participated in webinar titled, "*US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade,*" hosted by the Edelman Global Advisory Group. The discussion focused on the advances in mutual trade priorities between the US and Taiwan and was based on shared priorities and values. ***(Research for pending resolution on "Policy on Taiwan.")***

- NS staff hosted a virtual meeting with Military/Veteran Service Organizations (MSO/VSO) to discuss the current status of the Defense Health Agency (DHA) implementation of the Individual Longintudal Exposure Record (ILER.) A web-based application that provides the Department of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Administration (VA) the ability to link an individual to exposures, and to improve health care's efficiency, effectiveness, and quality. ***(Resolution No. 85: Support for Military Quality of Life Standards)***

- NS Director attended an DoD (Executive read ahead) presentation regarding the CY2021 DoD Annual Report on Suicide in the Military. This report now accounts for military family members (CY2020) and servicemember (CY2021) suicide-related data. The report is available at the Defense Suicide Prevention Office (DSPO) website at this link: https://www.dspo.mil/ASR. The American Legion's efforts involving "Be the One" can play a key role in helping DoD reduce suicide rates within the active duty, reserve, and guard communities.

- NS Staff is finalizing logistics for National Vice Commander Walhus' participation in the 40th Anniversary of the Veterans Day celebration at the Vietnam Veterans Wall memorial.

POW/MIA

October 20, 2022

- Soldier accounted for from Korean War (Zoellick, W.)
- Soldier accounted for from Korean War (Defibaugh, D.)

DPAA has identified/repatriated 133 servicemembers so far this year.

PROGRAMS (The American Legion Military Surplus Equipment)

- Processed request: Ammo – 2,480; Rifle – 28; Clips – 15; Static Display – 1
- Participants: Post – 5; Department – 5