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NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION'S WEEKLY REPORT

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September 19-23, 2022

STAFF ACTIVITY

- NS Staff participated in a webinar hosted by the Senate Armed Services Committee to receive testimony on the status of military and retention efforts across the Department of Defense.
- NS Staff attended a meeting hosted by the House Foreign Affairs Committee to examine the US Interest in Regional Security Cooperation in the Middle East and North Africa.
- Director completed the submission of 2023 budget recommendations for the National Security Division.
- NS Director met with the Defense Commissary Senior Enlisted, Sergeant Major Michael Saucedo, and received notice that the Secretary of Defense decided to fund the Defense Commissary fully. Additionally, the Defense Commissary Agency attended the 103rd National Convention and had a booth where they helped inform Legionnaires regarding their Commissary benefit.
- NS Staff attended a virtual briefing where DoD announced essential changes in various programs to ensure the well-being and care of our Service members and their families.
- NS Staff received notes from the August Defense PPOW/MIA Accounting Agency quarterly update, which was held while the staff was at National Convention. Staff will continue to provide quarterly updates.
- NS staff is researching various resolutions from the 103rd National Convention.
- NS staff completed a bill analysis on HR 8642, *"To Establish the Department of Defense Military Housing Readiness Council, and for other purposes."* Submitted to the Director for final review and approval.

POW/MIA

September 19, 2022

- Soldier Accounted for From Korean War (Little Bear, M.)
- Soldier Accounted for From World War II (Ferguson, J.)
- Airman Accounted for From World War II (Dyer, W.)
- Airman Accounted for From World War II (Meyer, M.)
- Pilot Accounted for From World War II (Nesbitt, C.)
- Soldier Accounted for From World War II (Gruwell, R.)
- Airman Accounted for From World War II (Montemurro, F.)

- Airman Accounted for From World War II (Howie, J.)
- Soldier Accounted for From World War II (Bennett, F.)

September 20, 2022

- Tanker Accounted for From World War II (Vinyard, J.)
- Soldier Accounted for From Korean War (Worline, C.)
- Airman Accounted for From World War II (Tate, M.)

September 21, 2022

- Airman Accounted for From World War II (Scarborough, T.)
- Airman Accounted for From World War II (Richardson, R.)
- Airman Accounted for From World War II (Kolb, R.)
- USS California Sailor Accounted for From World War II (Turk, P.)
- Soldier Accounted for From World War II (Koloski, C.)
- Soldier Accounted for From World War II (Matuszak, T.)
- Soldier Accounted for From World War II (Wilson, M.)
- Soldier Accounted for From World War II (Gunnoe, J.)

September 22, 2002

- Soldier Accounted for From Korean War (Whatley, I.)
- Airman Accounted for From World War II (Carney, R.)

There have been 151 POW/MIA identified/repatriated this year (2022)

PROGRAMS (The American Legion Military Surplus Equipment)

- Processed request: Ammo – 2,480; Rifle – 31; Clips – 10; Static Display – 3
- Participants: Post – 9; Department – 8