VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA
NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION'S WEEKLY REPORT

Mario Marquez, Director
MMarquez@legion.org

May 18 – May 24, 2024

STAFF ACTIVITY

- NS Staff conducted a review of the FY25 MILCON Subcommittee Bill for the DoD
- NS Staff reviewed the bill text of FY2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and drafted a letter to HASC for provisions to be retained.
- NS Staff conducted a bill review of the SHIELD Act, a bill that establishes training for servicemembers to recognize and understand information threats.
- NS Staff finalized preparations for the Commander's travel to Europe and departed for the trip.
- NS Staff began notifying military branches of their 2024 Spirit of Service Award winners.
- NS Staff virtually attended a House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing entitled, "FY25 Budget Request for Near Eastern Affairs" which can be viewed here.
- NS Staff began discussions with two installations that are being considered for future BASE program visits.
- NS Staff held a meeting with a representative from the Niskanen Center to discuss immigration issues and how they relate to national security
- NS Staff attended a Government Affairs Weekly Leadership meeting

POW/MIA

May 23, 2024

- Airman Accounted for from WWII (Davies, G.)
- Soldier Accounted for from WWII (Vance, M.)

DPAA has identified/repatriated 70 service members this year.

PROGRAMS (The American Legion Military Surplus Equipment)

- Processed request: Ammo – 0; Rifles – 31; Clips – 0; Static Displays – 0
- Participants: Posts – 3; Departments – 3

The American Legion JROTC/ROTC Program

- Military Excellence – 2
- Scholastic Excellence – 4
- Departments – 1

TIP OF THE WEEK

On Monday May 27th the national security division staff will participate in Memorial Day Observance at Arlington National Cemetery. The event, hosted by the Department of Defense, will consist of a parade of colors, a wreath laying by a senior government official, followed by remarks, and finally a wreath laying by VSOs to include the American Legion. The event begins at 11 a.m. ET, is open to the public, and will stream live as well.