

## How Can Your Unit/Members Support The National Security Program?

### 1. Support military servicemembers and their families.

- Support active-duty military families by working with an installation Family Readiness Group (FRG). Contact the Family Readiness Center on your nearby military installation for more information.
  - FRG stands for "[Family Readiness Group](#)," and it is the focal point of family readiness in the U.S. Navy – not for all branches of the military
  - The U.S. Army FRG is now known as [the Soldier and Family Readiness Group](#), or SFRG
  - In the U.S. Air Force, it's known as [the Key Spouse Program](#)
  - The U.S. Marine Corps has [the Family Readiness Program](#)
  - The Coast Guard has [the Work-Life Program](#)
- Collaborate with other like-minded organizations that support servicemembers and their families:
  - ASYMCA - Donate to or volunteer at local [Armed Services YMCA food pantries](#) which support servicemembers and their families.
  - Blue Star Families - [Blue Star Welcome Week – Supporters](#)
  - USO - Volunteer with your local USO - [USO of North Carolina](#)
  - Quilts of Valor Foundation - quilts = comfort and healing - [Award a Quilt of Valor](#)
  - Taking Care of Our People - [U.S. Department of Defense](#)
- Additional efforts to support the military and their family:
  - Salute to Servicemembers Awards - [Salute to Servicemembers Award \(legion-aux.org\)](#)
  - Awareness: R.E.D. Friday – Remember Everyone Deployed, and Yellow Ribbon events
  - US Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Hiring Our Heroes - <https://www.hiringourheroes.org/>
  - Coupons for Troops - <https://supportourtroops.org/troopons>
  - Boot Drives - <https://boots4troops.org/>
  - Care Packages - <https://supportourtroops.org/care-packages> (Sending your own? Try <https://shipthrifty.com> – an ALA membership benefit.)
  - And so much more!

### 2. Raise awareness of POW/MIAs and the work being performed by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) in the search for missing personnel.

- <https://www.defense.gov/Multimedia/Experience/POW-MIA/>
- Host events in honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Day on the third Friday in September. <https://dpaa-mil.sites.crmforce.mil/dpaaFamWebPosters>
- Post a POW/MIA flag at every meeting or event.
- If you or someone you know is related to a servicemember classified as Missing in Action, please consider donating mitochondrial DNA to assist identification processes. For more information, visit <https://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Health-Readiness/AFMES?type=Articles>.

3. Support those families whose servicemembers made the ultimate sacrifice.
  - Work with like-minded organizations to support the families of servicemembers who died during service to our country:
    - [American Gold Star Mothers](#)
    - [American Gold Star Families](#)
    - [Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors](#)
  - Utilize [Military OneSource resources](#) to assist those you know in need.
  
4. Other areas of focus for National Security Program
  - First Responders/Homeland Security – Partner with your local police, fire, etc.
  - Disaster Preparedness
    - READY – FEMA’s National Public Service Campaign: <https://www.ready.gov/>
    - FEMA: <https://www.fema.gov/>
    - American Red Cross – NC (training, blood drives & disaster relief): <https://www.redcross.org/local/north-carolina.html>