

NATIONAL SECURITY AWARDS

How did you BE THE ONE to #thankahero?



CHAIRMAN AWARD: DEADLINE MAY 1ST

Salute with Bells Award: This trophy will be given to the Unit that creates the best Salute with Bells Storybook. Instructions for creating your book are online along with the Salute with Bells Template. You'll find these resources at alafl.org/programs/national-security/

DEPARTMENT AWARDS: DEADLINE MAY 15TH

- **Cathy Larkins-Richards “Back the Badge” Award:** (expires in 2031). Awarded annually to the Unit that had the “greatest impact” in supporting local law enforcement. Please follow instructions in the Unit Guide.
- **Margaret “Peggy” Cone Award:** (expires in 2030). Awarded annually to the Unit that reports “Best All Around” program in National Security activities. Please follow instructions outlined in the Unit Guide.
- **Rosemary Hamblin Award** (expires in 2034). Awards annually to the Unit that works with and supported the Gold Star Mother(s) and/or the American Gold Star Mothers Chapter. Please follow instructions outlined in the Unit Guide.

NATIONAL UNIT AWARD: DEADLINE MAY 1ST

Most Outstanding Unit National Security Program

Your narrative should be typewritten and highlight each part of your program and what your Unit did to “ring the bells” for the National Security Program. Take the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone in your unit had on our mission to “ring the bells” to support the emotional and social needs of active, reserve, and transitioning military servicemembers and their families along with Law Enforcement, Fire, and First Responders. Please include up to five digital pictures when submitting report. Each report should have a cover page with the logo and include the Unit Name & Number, District #, President’s Name, and Chairman’s name.

Must be submitted digitally in an electronic file no later than **May 1st, 2024**, to Department National Security Chairman.