

VERNON HILL
NATIONAL SECURITY/HOMELAND SECURITY AWARD

Award to be presented at the annual Department Convention to the Post with the best overall National Security/Homeland Security program as judged by the Department Convention Trophies and Awards Committee. Two awards will be presented - one for small Posts (0-110 members) and one for large Posts (111 or more members).

The Post National Security/Homeland Security Liaison will submit a minimum 250-word narrative - plus supporting documentation (e.g., copies of certification, media coverage, participation/manhours/resources expended) - that encompasses the Post's National Security/Homeland Security program over the past year. The report must be submitted to Department Headquarters, **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 1ST.**

The following program items are listed in two primary categories - National Security and Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness. Posts must complete, but are not limited to, a minimum of five (5) program items in each category. Additional consideration will be given to Posts that complete more than the minimum, and/or complete program items in the Other Related Programs category. Posts are also encouraged to report program items not listed but still pertain to National Security/Homeland Security and mandates of The American Legion.

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Post Name: _____ Post #: _____,

Location: _____

NATIONAL SECURITY

- Cooperated with local units of Propeller Club, Civil Air Patrol, etc.
- Supported maintenance of National Guard and Reserve components.
- Assisted the Recruiting Service.
- Supported the local Selective Service Board (e.g., help recruit Board members, host a training event)
- Carried out requests from National or Department to contact Congress and/or State Legislature in support of legislation affecting National Security
- Supported ROTC units and present recognition awards to ROTC units and members
- Supported continued U.S. Navy supremacy on the high seas
- Supported oceanography program on behalf of National Defense
- Support of U.S. Coast Guard and other local law enforcement to ensure immediate availability and security of inland waterways and ports
- Support of U.S. Border Patrol and other local/county/state/federal law enforcement entities to ensure a secure international border
- Support/promotion of Sealift Command
- Promotion of Merchant Marine Act of 1970 called for U.S. merchant fleet adequate for our national defense and commerce by:
 - o Labor stability in ship operations and shipbuilding
 - o Adequate funds to enable industry and government to proceed with accelerated vessel replacement
 - o Effectively administer "50/50" law requiring a minimum of 50 percent of U.S. cargoes to be transported by U.S. ships
 - o Provide adequate shipbuilding potential within the U.S., and oppose construction of naval vessels outside the U.S.

HOMELAND SECURITY/EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Supported local/county Citizen Corps Council
- Promoted and assisted with emergency plans in support of Washington Military Department Emergency Management Division
- Promote and assist with plans to prevent and respond to bio-agricultural terror
- Sponsored Emergency Disaster Relief Program
- Sponsored or supported a light duty rescue team, urban search and rescue team, or similar unit
- Promote the Amateur Radio Network, and have Post members become licensed in amateur radio operation/usage
- Maintained current survey/inventory of special skills of Post members that can be utilized in emergency situations (e.g., radio operation, medical training, search and rescue certification)
- Sponsored Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, and/or have Post members obtain CERT certification
- Support of local/county law enforcement entities (e.g., police, sheriff, Explorer units, etc.) and American Legion Law & Order programs
- Support of local/district/county fire/rescue entities
- Sponsor/host first aid and CPR training, and/or have Post members obtain such certification
- Sponsor/host American Red Cross Blood Drive event
- Sponsor/host Family Planning Training

OTHER RELATED PROGRAMS

- Sponsored petitions, letters, and informational/educational forums that promote National Security/Homeland Security programs
- Furnished speakers for other service organizations, clubs, schools, and other groups
- Maintenance of an active Post National Security/Homeland Security Committee, with current activity reports as applicable
- Other:

CERTIFICATION

OTHER TOTALS (attach additional documentation as needed/required):

Man hour's _____ Members Participating _____

Post Funds Expended \$_____

SIGNATURES:

Post Adjutant

Post Commander

Post National Security/Homeland Security Liaison

Date: _____