

# **NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION'S WEEKLY REPORT**

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**March 28 – April 1, 2022**

## **STAFF ACTIVITY**

- Director testified before the *Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs*, with a focus on Citizenship for Service. Deported veterans, Survivor benefits and VA automation and IT modernization.
- Staff attended a Virtual hearing titled, “*Military Privatized Family Housing Oversight*”, hosted by the House Appropriations Subcommittee o MilCon, VA and related agencies.
- Staff attended a meeting with the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA).
- Staff attended a hearing titled, “*National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activity in Europe*”, hosted by the House Armed Service Committee.
- Staff attended a White House webinar briefing on President Biden’s Europe trip.
- Staff participated in a webinar titled, *Council on Foreign relations: "World Economics Update: Inflation, Sanctions, and the Russian-Ukraine War."*
- Staff attended a meeting involving POW/MIA family members at the Veterans of Foreign Wars HQs.
- Director met with the Chairman of the Board, Air Force Association regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> (in 2023) Anniversary of POWs return from Vietnam.
- Staff continues to monitor the impact of the conflict between Ukraine and Russia.

## **POW/MIA**

### **March 29, 2022**

- Solider accounted for from World Warr II (Bowen, S.)
- USS Oklahoma sailor accounted for from World War II (Gilbert, G.)
- Solider accounted for from World War II (Helms, G.)
- USS Oklahoma sailor accounted for from World War II (Newton, W.)

### **March 30, 2022**

- Pilot accounted for from World War II (Girard, L.)

### **March 31, 2022**

- Soldier accounted for from World War II (Groh, W.)

## **PROGRAMS (The American Legion Military Surplus Equipment)**

- Processed request: Ammo – 47,120; Rifle – 113; Clips – 424; Static Display - 4
- Participants: Departments – 31 and Posts- 39

## **Junior ROTC and JROTC**

- Department – 4
- Scholastic Awards – 5
- Military Awards – 5
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