

## Department of Minnesota December 2025 Unit Mailing National Security Chairman, Anna Eells

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**Warrior Wednesday** - Department National Security Chairman, have been given an assignment to find an Active Duty servicemember to highlight. There are no requirements of rank or how long they have served.

We have a link for the service members to share their story. <a href="https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/stories">https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/stories</a> of servicemembers\_and\_their\_families

The stories are posted on our Facebook group page each Wednesday. This is a closed group, so you must answer questions to be admitted to the group.

## Servicemember of the Year Award

This is the application that honors one enlisted servicemember (E1-E9) from each branch. The Space Force has not had an application yet, so we are hoping this year that will change. To nominate someone, you'll need:

- 1. A short narrative (up to 1,000 words) explaining why they stand out. Remember to include information about their military service & their service to the community.
- 2. A photo of the servicemember (preferably in uniform & an official DoD photo)
- 3. An endorsement from someone in their command group Recipients will be honored at the ALA National Convention Here is the link for the nomination

Https://member.legion-aux.org/ Salute-to-Servicemembers-Award-Form

## **Preparing Care Packges**

When sending packages to military bases, consider including appreciated & safe items.

Non-perishable food: snacks like protein bars, trail mix & canned goods

Personal care items: Travel-sized items toiletries, sunscreen

Entertainment: Books, magazines & small games

How to send a care package

- 1. Know the timeline: priority mail packages typically take 10 to 14 days for delivery
- 2.Check size & weight restrictions keep packages within shoebox size & under 108 inches in total circumference
- 3. Package details: list the quantity, weight, & value of items
- 4.Use plastic zipper-lock bags to prevent items from leaking
- 5.Include the service member's full name, unit name & complete APO/FPO address with a nine-digit zip code