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NATIONAL SECURITY REPORT

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2011-2012

MATHEW B. JUAN UNIT #35

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

MEMBERSHIP: 322

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(Opening Paragraph – always good to use the theme of the year) Mathew B. Juan, Unit 35 believes and promotes a strong National Security program. Activities done to promote the National Security program as the members were “Quality Women in Service to our Veterans” are outlined below:

(Use Report Form to create the order of your narrative.) (Following Report Form Question 1)

Unit members assist in Project Impact/Emergency Management. Our team of CERT volunteers works closely with the fire department and our Post home is listed as a temporary shelter. Unit members worked with the Chandler City Council to ensure that the action plan remains updated.

(Question 2) Throughout the year, Unit 35 not only supported our troops but also welcomed them back home. Unit members attended and participated in several events and greeted over 4,000 of our troops. Several members collected and sent boxes of comfort items to the troops. The junior unit folded and sent over 800 pocket flags. Active military members and their families are invited to join our organization and their dues are paid by the Legion Family.

(Question 3) Several members of our unit assisted our military families by providing childcare for over eleven children and three families throughout the year. *(Question 4)* During the holiday season food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas and gifts for the children were provided.

(Question 5) Meals were cooked to not only support those families but to raise funds for

programs within National Security. Monies raised totaled \$5,000.00 with over 3,500 individuals served.

(Question 7) The Unit donated \$150.00 to the USO. Members have been assisting at the lounge at Sky Harbor airport expending over 55 hours. Members continue to collect items and donate books needed to ensure that our troops and their families have a place to go to be comfortable.

(Question 10) Unit members assisted in blood drives. Other members donate blood on a regular basis knowing that it is a commodity that is sorely needed to ensure a healthy America.

(Question 11) Unit 35 participated in the ROTC program by contributing \$2,425.00 to the Chandler High and Hamilton High JrRote units. *(Question 12)* The unit also presented medals and certificates to cadets for Military and Scholastic Excellence. Both squadrons of young individuals performed the POW/MIA ceremony at special events and have assisted in serving dinners and presenting dignitaries.

(Once you have completed the information requested on the report form, add in any additional things your unit did for the program)

Members of the unit truly believe in honoring the families who have loved ones serving. POW/MIA's are honored at each meeting. The POW/MIA ceremony is done with the table being displayed prominently at each special event. The POW/MIA table is a fixture in our clubroom. The POW/MIA flag is flown outside our Post home. All of this is to ensure that these individuals are never forgotten.

April is the "Month of the Military Child", and members put together 'Hero Packs' to distribute to children in our community. Many of these children have parents serving overseas.

Unit 35 members have kept informed of the military support issues that are place before Congress through the Dispatch, Legionnaire, etc. Many members have contacted our State congressmen. Members continue to serve at polling areas.

Unit 35 appreciates our military year-round. Certificates and thank you cards have been distributed to a National Guard unit and a Reserve unit showing them that the members appreciate their sacrifices for us.

Unit members collected \$35,000.35 clipping coupons for our military. Several members sorted and mailed in these coupons at a cost of \$256.18. Homebound members knitted or crochet slippers for "Operation Toasty Toes". Members of the unit made 152 pairs. This is one way Unit 35 has to make these members feel that they contribute to our service personnel.

Members of Unit 35 work with the "DARE" program. This year the unit collected \$1,050.00 for the Fire Explorers. Unit 35 purchased eight-hundred Halloween bags for the community and filled them with "Liberty" and "Be Safe" coloring books. Unit 35 has also continued to sponsor the United Methodist Mission project and has donated over \$6,000.00 in funds and goods to ensure that homeless families have a new start.

The Unit sponsored six Junior Law cadets at a cost of \$1,500.00. Unit 35 also sponsored a local baseball team for the disabled by donating \$500.00 and Legion Baseball received \$100.00.

Recycling to save our environment is of great importance to the members of our Legion family.

Many of the members contribute the \$1.00 a month to SRP and water companies to aid individuals that cannot afford to pay for these necessities.

Individual members purchased approximately \$8,200.00 in Savings Bonds, and the unit has \$3,000.00. Members raised \$2,500.00 and sent eight girls to Girl State. One member received a Volunteer Service Award from her employer of \$10,000.00 which has been given to the Arizona Girl State program. These programs are very important since Unit 35 believes that these individuals will be our leaders of tomorrow.

Members donated \$500.00 to the Chandler Christian Center, \$850.00 to needy families, and \$600.00 to "Our Sisters Place". Flags, "Liberty" and "Pledge of Allegiance" books were distributed. Our juniors gave "Flag Etiquette" classes in their schools. The unit purchased three "Need a Lift" books. The unit also contributed \$100.00 to the Adult Literacy program. All of these programs contribute to the safety and welfare of our communities by keeping our most important resource "children" safe and free. Over 2,000 phones were donated to assist families in abuse shelters.

Unit 35 donated funds to the Spirit of Youth Foundation - \$75.00; Radio Free Europe - \$50.00; Freedoms Foundation - \$100.00; Mary Ellen's Place - \$100.00; Children Abuse - \$350.00; and UMOM - \$150.00. The unit also purchased four copies of the Dispatch totaling \$60.00. Members honor those veterans that fought to give us our freedoms. The unit also donated \$25.00 to WIMSA and added one more individual to this very important monument.

(Ending Paragraph – again use the Department theme to close with) With the American Flag flying the members of Unit 35 remind themselves that we live in the greatest Nation in the world. With this in mind, members continue to assist our children, community, State, and Nation as “Quality Women in Service to our Veterans.”

Yours in Service to God and Country,

(Signature Block – if President signature is also required – her signature block needs to be added)

Vickey J. Zwall
National Security Chairman
Mathew B. Juan, Unit 35

Betty Smith
President
Mathew B. Juan, Unit 35

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American Legion Auxiliary
National Security-Annual Report Form 2011-2012
Please complete and forward to Doris Theiss, 11054 W. Caron Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351

Department: Arizona Report Deadline: May 15, 2012
Chairman Name: Vickey J. Zwall Unit Name & #: Mathew B. Juan, Unit 35
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Please report volunteers, and dollars and hours where applicable.

National-level Objective I: CERT Program See details in narrative

1. Number of members participating in CERT training: 0 and Date: N/A

National-level Objective II: Support Military Families

2. Through Welcome Home Greetings Yes
3. Offering child care Yes
4. Making social visits Yes
5. Cooking meals Yes
6. Doing yard work Yes

National-level Objective III: Additional Military Related Initiatives

7. Partnering with USO: # of volunteers 2 and total hours 55
Expenses \$ 460.00
8. Providing Blue Star Banner # of volunteers 0 # of Banners provided/expense
\$ 0
9. Providing Gold Star Banner # of volunteers 0 # of Banners provided/expense
\$ 0
10. Sponsoring Blood Donor Program # of volunteers 10 Expense 0
11. Did the Unit adopt ROTC/JROTC Yes
12. Did the Unit present medals and/or certificates # of medals presented 4
of Certificates presented 4
Expense \$ 240.00

Please include additional details regarding National Security projects and activities on the back of this form or on a separate piece of paper.

See narrative for complete details.