

NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

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From a national security standpoint, 2026 has been interesting, and a year that cannot be over too soon. We've had assassinations, numerous conflicts, and fortunately the task of recovering our fallen heroes has continued in spite of it all. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) has been hard at work amid the "seemingly" chaotic environment.

The cost of everything has increased dramatically, and our elected officials have shown little sign of working together to resolve any of these pressing issues. But The American Legion has not relented in any way.

"The sale of gas is at an all-time high, and the beat goes on." Just a little paraphrase from the past, for those who can remember.

The New Jersey Department of the American Legion has "continued to march" in spite of outside pressures. The Coast Guard has finally been paid, in light of the "shutdown" of Homeland Security. Unfortunately, the workers supporting same have not been paid yet!

From my standpoint, I would like to thank my "great county of Ocean" and the Department Commander Dan Channel, for allowing me to continue in this capacity, as Chairman of the National Security Committee for another year. It's very enlightening to see from the inside all of the inner workings of our government, and to be in a position to share that insight with my fellow committee members.