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From: Commander, VFW State of West Virginia

To Our Valued Members,

With the year three fourths over, I thought it appropriate to pass along my appreciation for the hard work of so many people. I additionally want to encourage everyone to keep up their good work and begin preparation for year end and the last round of District meetings under the current structure. Remember, there are as yet, a number of goals and awards to be obtained. Several Posts are easily within reach of the 100% membership achievement so please put an extra effort into recruiting. Additionally, take part in Operation Tiger scheduled for 25 and 26 April and get your poppy orders in now so as to have a good supply. All Posts need to have 9 May marked on their calendar. This important date is when we conduct the 4 District meetings to elect officers for the new Districts. Charters have been received from National and will be presented to the newly elected Commanders during the June Convention. We have published what District each Post will be a member of so start thinking of an office or committee position you might like to occupy. While there will no doubt be some challenges at the beginning of the year, I believe there will equally be some surprising rewards. As a final note, start preparing your submissions for nominating a worthy member for the Rich Hoeman Award. Don't forget, the Department must receive four submissions to select from in order to make an award.

Lastly, Stand Up, Think Big and don't dwell on the past but look ahead to success.

DOUG KNOTTS, COMMANDER
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