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Dear Quartermaster:

Proper data hygiene remains a big challenge for our organization. In fact, incorrect data within our membership file has a significant impact on our financial resources; funds, such as the Life Membership Fund, must be properly cared for to ensure stability.

The VFW recently contracted with a leader in the data hygiene industry to review a portion of our Life Member file; specifically, 343,121 members over the age of 75. This review covered multiple data sources, which include the Social Security Administration Death Master File (SSA DFM), 15 state direct sources, and credit header data. As a result, we have identified and updated over 88,000 Life Member records to reflect deceased.

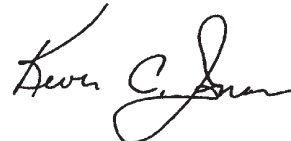
A list of deceased life members in your Post is on the reverse side of this letter. Again, these members have been matched by numerous data points with a national series of data bases to determine their deceased status. It is very important that you review this list carefully **for members who are still alive** and mistakenly matched with another person's information. You may want to print their names in your newsletter and announce them at a meeting in case other members know their whereabouts. We do not need for you to verify their deaths; just tell us if you know them to be alive.

If you are able to identify a member that has been mistakenly matched, please provide the members name, membership number, current address and phone number utilizing the email address [MSC@vfw.org](mailto:MSC@vfw.org) and using the subject line "Life Member Reinstatement Request" or by phone to 1.833.VFW.VETS no later than November 1, 2019.

These members are not reflected in your current Memstats and will not be paid out in the September life members payouts. In addition, these deceased members will not count against the Posts, Districts, or Departments pursuing All-American Honors; the Commander-in-Chief has granted amnesty for contest purposes. If they are determined to be alive, they will be added back to your post, and the payout will occur in January.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Kevin Jones  
Adjutant General

cc: Department Quartermaster