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**National Theme: Banding Together for Our Veterans  
Department Theme: Our Veterans the Angels Among Us**

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Fall Conference is scheduled for the end of September in Flint Michigan. Look on the department website for information regarding specific details on the location, dates, room reservations, etc. I look forward to meeting many chairpersons- long time chairs and new time chairs. Bring your questions. Let's have some discussions about how to win friends and influence others.

Legislative advocacy is about being able to influence individuals who write the bills and sign the laws at the state and federal levels – measures that will affect the lives of our veterans and military. We need to be passionate about our efforts. Sometimes we need to stop thinking about how much this will cost the government to implement. What price is too much for the men and women who serve(d)? Some paid the ultimate price. Can we justify anything less?

It is not the responsibility of just the Legislative Chairperson to make contact with state and federal legislators. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH AND EVERY MEMBER.** How do we do this? We write letters, send emails, make telephone calls, and talk with them one-on-one.

We are representing every veteran and military personnel for the United States of America. You can think "I don't know them, what do they do for me?" Every veteran took an oath to protect and defend the United States of America and the citizens within. Some gave some, some gave all, some are still giving. Stop and think – many veterans do not like talking about themselves or their experiences while active duty. We are their advocates. Again I say, we write letters, send emails, make telephone calls, and talk with them one-on-one.

When reporting, please remember to tell me the names of the representatives you have contacted. Tell me the bill number or the name of the bill on which you sent a request for the legislator to support. Reading this bulletin at your meeting is great. However, it is listed under "other" and does not count for national awards. My bulletin is to inspire you and the membership to become more active in writing to legislators.

Loyally,

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