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National Theme: Serving America's Heroes

Department Theme: Leading with a Patriot's Heart

School is back in session. Our lesson for the month is educate yourself and vote wisely.

Are you ready for elections? Use this link to find who is running for office in your district.

https://ballotpedia.org/Michigan_elections,_2026

Your voice matters. Our Veterans fought for us we must fight for them. Our voices must ring strong as if we were on the school playground. Unlike legislators who took a brief recess last month there are no fall breaks for us. Our representatives must hear our respectful loud voices and pass the Major Richard Star Act and reject H.R. 9237.

Remind our legislators:

- Cutting veterans' benefits is a choice. Don't choose it.
- They're serving today. Don't cut their benefits tomorrow.
- "Current veterans are protected" isn't good enough.
- Veterans. Caregivers. Survivors. We all deserve better than this.

Homework for October:

- Who is on your November ballot?
- Voting is like a test. Please research the candidates. What do they stand for?
- Find out if they are in your hometown campaigning.
- Choose the one you feel will fight for our Veterans and their families.

Enjoy Halloween and remember no costumes are needed when advocating legislation for our Veterans, all treats, no tricks.

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I enjoyed talking with each of you at Fall conference. If you still have questions, please reach out.

Elections are over now what? Time to move to the next lesson. We continue to push forward with educating our legislators whether they are new to your district or re-elected. Veteran Care 101 is now in session. Our work does not end at the ballot box.

Reach out to both newly elected/re-elected representatives. Introduce yourself and provide them with our veteran's needs. Give them a short story for why you are so passionate about protecting our men and women who have served. These personal stories can help legislators understand why it is so important to Honor the Contract.

Homework for November

- Help members find their newly elected representatives and preferred method of contact
- Schedule a meet and greet with your community and newly elected officials
- Understand newly elected officials' stance on bills and adjust your lesson plan accordingly.
- Show our veterans how thankful we are by keeping them apprised of our activities.

Take a moment or two and give thanks for those representatives who are fighting for our veterans.

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