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Subject: Consolidated Post Reports Submission

Dear: Department Commanders and Adjutants

As you know, the National Commander is interested in getting more posts reporting their activities on the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) because this gives the organization a more accurate picture of what is happening in our communities across the Nation. Last year we had 70% of the posts submitting useful information. When our National staff works with Congress, this data helps in developing positions that impact on veterans and their families. In addition, the National Commander will use this data in his testimony to Congress as well as in the preparation of the congressional annual report required by the federal charter.

We know departments strive to achieve a high percentage of reporting of CPR submissions but a report that shows zeros and or no activity does no good for the staff when compiling reports for Congress or for the national media.

Since the Internal Affairs Commission has over watch of this reporting system and the recognition system. There have been a few reports already received this year with zero activity and zero membership. These zero reports **will not** be accepted and processed or count in the final tally for National recognition. Each post report must have some valid activity. To make an inaccurate or incomplete report does no good toward the overall objective of collecting information on post activities in communities.

The following questions need to be answered before submitting reports with incomplete information or as stated no information at all:

- 1). If a CPR is submitted with no members, why does the post exist? What is the department's minimum number to retain a charter? Does the district commander need to visit that post to see if they need assistance?
- 2). If a CPR is submitted with no activity, why does the post exist? What program or programs do they support? What are they doing in the community? Does that post need a revitalization visit to ensure it is still relevant in the community?

I am asking for your cooperation in this matter because it is very important for all of us to reflect what our posts are truly doing as they care for our veterans, their families and the communities in which they reside.

On another subject, I thank you for what you are doing in membership. We are seeing some very positive trends this year. We need to keep the momentum moving.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Newman, Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

cf: NEC, National Officers