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To: All Hands

Re: First Quarter Fiscal Year 24-25.

Patriots,

As we approach the end of the first quarter Fiscal Year 2024-2025, we have taken great strides to improve our way of conducting business across the Department. Here are a few upcoming items that are on the radar at headquarters.

IRS Form 990:

We have taken a round turn on the current IRS Form 990 problem across the State. We now have a solution to fix the problem and after hearing some feedback, it works! Please refer to the September 4th post in the Adjutant's Corner explaining the Taxpayer Advocate Service to assist you with recovering your Tax Exemption status. Take advantage of this service, it's free of charge and will help you regain your Tax Exemption. Please be advised, the longer you wait, the more it's going to cost your Post financially. The goal for this upcoming quarter is to have ALL Posts/Districts that lost their Tax Exemption Status in the process of re-instatement by December 31st of this year. Those Posts who re-instated their Tax Exemption Status, great job, for those in the process, keep your District and the Department in the loop. For all the others, we have work to do, I will help you along the way!

Program Reporting:

We have simplified the reporting process to position your Posts and Districts to report all your hard work. The bottom line is we are rapidly getting better using the vfw.org All American Dashboard and continue to improve every day. Remember, program reporting is our way to justify to the IRS that we are in compliance with our Tax Exemption status. Meaning, failure to report your programs could be costly if you are audited by the IRS. We have taken a round turn on Program Reporting, it has not gone unnoticed, keep up the good work!

Scholar's App:

National VFW has implemented the Scholar's App for us to use to streamline the Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen applicants. The intent is to electronically facilitate the judging and selecting of candidates using Artificial Intelligence Screening and plagiarism. What does this mean for your Post(s) and/or District(s). If you don't have a designated member as a chairperson already, we need a chairperson from each of your Post(s) and/or District(s) to become the point of contact for Patriots Pen/Voice of Democracy. This program is a great way to get out in your local communities and hand out scholarships to students who participate in the program.

VFW Day of Service:

The fourth annual VFW Day of Service is a part of the VFW's Still Serving campaign and unites Veterans across America around a common goal; showing the nation the impact Veterans make in their communities. This is a requirement to qualify for All American. You will have to sign up at <https://todaysvfw.org/vfw-day-of-service>. The annual Community Service Event is May 3rd, 2025.

There is not a day that goes by that I don't think about our mission, our members, and our Auxiliary. We have a lot of work to do. Don't forget membership is a key factor in our overall success. Keep pushing forward, accomplish the mission and most importantly take care of each other.

Thank you for all that you do!

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Domenic M. Guiliano". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "D" and "G".

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