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Still Serving Other Veterans, Our Country & Our Community!

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My Fellow Legionnaires,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and Hanukkah season and were able to celebrate your holidays with family and friends! As we approach the 2018 New Year celebration, I thank for your support and involvement in our Post activities this past year. Please make “getting more involved with Post activities in 2018” one of your New Year’s resolutions. Add your time and talents to improve the tremendous work we’re doing, helping veterans and youth in our community, and fostering patriotism however we can. Keep “growing” the Post membership, especially as we approach the 100th anniversary of the American Legion. Please make a point of encouraging all vets you know or meet to join you as members of *your* Post.

The Post accomplished much in 2017: the Knights baseball team *winning the District 16/17 championship again* (a first in Loudon AL baseball history!) thanks to our excellent coaches; *sending 8 boys and 13 girls to their respective Boys and Girls State* summer programs following strong competition for scholarships among 5 Loudoun high schools; *participating in and cosponsoring two large, formal Flag Retirement Ceremonies* involving our Post-sponsored Cub pack and Boy Scouts; *conducting a highly successful 4th Annual Salute to Loudoun County Veterans and Families*, which raised both money for, and awareness of, vets and families in need; *holding two highly successful Memorial Day and Veterans Day Poppy Distributions* that garnered several thousand dollars in contributions from generous Ashburn residents; *partnering to make poppies for distribution* with several young citizens, and youth organizations; *keeping our “adopted highway” section of Claiborne Parkway clean* on a quarterly basis; *assisting a patriotic flag pole project* for a near-by high school’s athletic field; and *providing a multi-echelon element* to march in the Leesburg 4th of July Parade! We can also celebrate that over \$10,000 to vets in need/military support organizations and \$12,000 for support to Youth and Patriotism programs were distributed! Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (AVFRD, 20688 Ashburn Rd, Ashburn, VA 20147) became our meeting place in January, and later this year, we presented them the POW/MIA flag you now see flying beneath the American flag at the front of the station.

As always and especially in this holiday season, please keep our Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guard personnel who are away from home and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers. Also remember those comrades who have preceded us to Post Everlasting and our comrades suffering personal losses. Cathy and I wish all of you and yours a wonderful and Happy New Year!

For God and Country,

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Chuck Loomis
Commander