Hello, American Legion Family.

Fall has brought some cool weather, the leaves are turning colors, and I can't believe October flew by so quickly. Time goes by fast when you are busy. I have been driving across North Dakota to attend District Meetings and to see what our American Legion Auxiliary members do to support the American Legionnaires and their families. I would like to thank all the districts for organizing the meetings and the hospitality during our meetings. We had some delicious meals and, of course, fresh baked goodies. All most appreciated.

In early October, I was invited to Cincinnati to attend a department president retreat held by National President Kathy Daudistel. I was able to meet with department presidents from across the United States. Our workshop sessions included: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Conflict Resolution, and Governing Documents. The information I acquired from these sessions is significant to our organization. I am hoping to include this information during some breakout sessions during our upcoming Winter Conference.

It is hard to believe we are already getting close to the Winter Conference being held January 28-30 in Bismarck. Now is a good time to get your reservations made at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there.

I also wanted you to know about my president's project. I would like to offer veterans a resource that can assist in home repairs or improvements. They may need to get a ramp installed, safety bars in a rest room, or some roofing replaced. This may be a resource to access without jumping through hoops. I now have pins for sale to raise money for that project.

Thank you again for all you do to support our veterans! Stay Safe!

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