How time flies! Welcome to the fall season—the cooler weather, football, and the "season of generosity!" All of my favorite things. As your units gather together, get reacquainted after the summer months, and work on welcoming new members, begin thinking about the many programs that veterans rely on and how you can help.

If you have not received the Mandatory Contribution forms yet, you will see them very soon. They need to be returned to the Department Office by November 1st. Start talking about what programs your unit wants to support. Contributions that are received on time are sent to their respective programs in December. Contributions that are received at a later date are not forwarded to the designated program until June. Thus, I urge you to complete the form at your October meetings and get it sent in. Then these programs can receive their funding before the beginning of 2024.

In this season of generosity, I want to thank each one of you for the great things you do for our veterans in North Dakota. Many of you work within your units and continue to work diligently. Your efforts, combined with other units across the state, make a huge impact.

Every single thing you do, no matter how small, is important. Anytime we can put a smile on the face of a veteran, it is well worth it.

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