Spring has sprung at last! Ever since I moved to North Dakota in August 1995, I have always said that Spring is the one season that you cannot really count on to show up. But when it does, it is just so lovely.

Hopefully, many of you were able to attend your Spring District Meetings. There is always so much good information being shared, and it is really beneficial to keep us united in our mission to take care of our veterans and military families.

The Department Convention is quickly approaching. I encourage all unit officers and as many unit members as possible to attend the Convention in Fargo this summer. It is a fun time as we gather and talk about how we support our veterans, hear the Legion Band, enjoy great food, vote on Department leadership, and meet new people. It is so important for leadership in the units to understand how the Department works, and to get to know the Department Officers who can support them throughout the year.

As many of you know, I was elected as your Department Treasurer at the last Department Convention but was unable to attend due to a family wedding. Thank you all for your faith in me. I have had a wonderful year getting a feel for how the Department finances work and have had such positive support from our Finance Board. I look forward to my first official report to you at Convention.

Hope to see you there!

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