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Comrades:

I am honored to serve as your Department Commander for the 2010-2011 year. Each year brings new challenges to our Department and to the overall organization of the VFW. However, we, in the Department of Kansas face an unusual set of circumstances in that as a primarily rural, agricultural state our population density precludes a rapid increase in our overall membership. That being said, we must initiate a "STOP LOSS" program In order to maintain our current membership.

In most instances, a successful organization must provide either goods or services—in our organization, we provide both. Thru our Veterans Service Programs, our National Military Service Programs, our Community Service Programs and our Youth Programs, we deliver goods and services to our members, returning veterans, our communities and our youth. However, advertisement is imperative. We must utilize our existing membership and the membership of our auxiliaries to the maximum to advertise our programs to our veterans, our communities and our youth. With our increased visibility thru these programs, we will not only provide our programmed goods and services we will also increase our visibility in our communities and subsequently our contacts with eligible members.

During this next year, we as an organization face many challenges—a history of declining membership, a decreasing budget and increasing costs. However, we can continue to provide those goods and services for which the Department of Kansas has delivered in the past. My challenge to each of you is a minimum of one new or reinstated member—if we meet that goal we will ensure the future of our organization and the viability of our programs.

Again, Thank you for allowing me to serve each of you as Department Commander for this next year. Always remember—TOGETHER WE CAN— TOGETHER WE WILL.

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