Start acting to honor veterans

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I am proud and humbled to be able to share in the celebration of DAV’s centennial anniversary with you this year. What’s more, I believe our best is yet to come.

Over the past century, veterans have seen ups and downs. We have fought together on the battlefield, and we have fought together on the homefront to make sure veterans get the benefits they earned. We served together in uniform, and today, we serve our fellow veterans right here in our own communities.

I invite you to take ownership of this momentous occasion. Make it yours by participating in DAV’s 100 Acts of Honor challenge. Each of you has special gifts and talents you can share with the veteran community, so let’s ring in 100 years by putting them to good use.

One hundred is a big number, but there are countless ways you
can achieve it—no act is too small to help make a difference in the life of a veteran. Chapters, units, individuals and even community groups can get involved in a number of ways. You can clean up a community veterans memorial or cemetery, help a local veteran with some home improvements, visit a veterans nursing home in your area or visit patients at the nearest VA hospital. And we can always use volunteer drivers for our DAV Transportation Network—simply visit www.dav.la/1if to learn more and sign up to help get local veterans to and from their medical appointments.

These are just a few suggestions, but many needs exist throughout the veteran community—and you can help be the one to fulfill them.

We want to hear about your efforts, too, as we march together toward a century of service. Tell us about your experience. Let us know what you and your fellow members are doing and how your actions are impacting the lives of veterans and their families.

Email us at VAVS@dav.org or post on social media. Include #100ActsofHonor on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or LinkedIn posts, from both your individual and chapter accounts. Show us, and our fellow Americans, how important it is to stand up for veterans.