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Dear DAV Leaders and Members,

We would like to pass along our best wishes for yet another effective and successful department convention!

All of your hard work throughout a difficult year has helped highlight and bring attention to the issues that veterans and their families across the country and right here in your backyard face on a daily basis. Our nation's heroes need our support as much as ever. I know I speak for Adjutant Burgess when I say we both have the utmost confidence that you will continue to stand up for those who stood up for us—and those who stood alongside us.

While the 2020 COVID-19 outbreak prevented us from celebrating DAV's centennial anniversary the way we would like, 2021 offers another opportunity for us to celebrate. For more than 100 years, we have been the voice of America's injured and ill veterans and their families. As many of you know, to help your department and chapters showcase DAV's landmark anniversary we designed a resource page at dav.org/centennial/. Our goal was to provide tools and information to help you discuss the unique needs of veterans in your community, engage potential volunteers and reach out to your local media.

Your members continue to be a vital component of DAV's continued success, and your devotion to our cause enriches the lives of our brothers, sisters and family members who have sacrificed so much. Your annual convention is the time to look back on the year's achievements as well as to discuss and work together on new initiatives that support veterans and their families.

On behalf of your fellow members, thank you for all you do. We take heart knowing that your important business this week will carry the torch for veterans and their families in your communities over the coming year. DAV members know how challenging the road to recovery can be, and because we are veterans serving veterans, we do so from a place of great compassion and understanding.

Sincerely,

Stephen "Butch" Whitehead National Commander

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