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Brothers of SSAWV,

Just over two months have passed since we gathered for the 83rd National Convention of the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans. We were hosted in Lebanon, Pennsylvania by our sister organization, Daughters of '98. We are grateful for their time and effort dedicated to providing comfortable accommodations for our meetings, as well as coordination of tours to local sites of military historical significance.

I take this opportunity to formally establish Headquarters of the organization at the National President's residence, located at 1715 E. 236th Street, Cicero, Indiana. (Please refer to letterhead for proper mailing address). It is my honor to serve our organization for the ensuing year, and I hope to strengthen the fraternity as a result.

Over the course of the next year, I will be working with my Council of Administration to fulfill goals set forth at our last National Convention. Our first aim is recruitment of new members to the organization. I would like to encourage each of you to assist in this goal by encouraging a family member, or interested acquaintance to become a member. Details for application can be found on our website (www.ssawvhq.com).

A second goal is to structure an appropriate system through which we may financially assist the preservation or establishing of monuments to the SpanAm veterans. There is a committee appointed to research this matter. Over the course of the next few months, we should have plans set and will communicate this project to the membership.

Finally, I intend to provide a more centralized online access to materials which may be used to keep alive the history of the service of our honored veterans. We are well aware the brief period of the Spanish American War lends to an easy dismissal of the significance of the action. As a brotherhood, we are tasked with preserving the importance of this period in our history.

Again, I am honored to serve as your National President and look forward to sharing more over the course of my tenure.
In Fraternity, Humanity and Patriotism,

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