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My term as Department Commandant is at its end. I want to thank everyone for your hard work, dedication, and your support. Without all of you, I would not be able to do this job.

The continuing focus has been on retention and recruitment. We are seeking ways to improve both, especially recruiting the younger members. Without them, we will not be able to grow or maintain what we have. We also need to seriously look at and consider the new generation with social media and zoom meetings.

We are continuing to ensure compliance with the 990's and incorporations. I believe all of our Detachments have been brought into compliance, and we are ensuring they keep it that way.

I was only able to conduct 1 Detachment installation this quarter. Naturally I attended the Central Division Conference in March in Springfield, OH. I was also invited to be the key note speaker at the Memorial Day service at the Rock Island Arsenal. That was truly an honor.

I know I am leaving the leadership of this Department in very capable hands, and I trust you will give the Officers the support you have shown me. I only hope I have represented you all honorably, and I have left this Department as good as I found it.

Semper Fidelis,

Michael W. Sturch

