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Greetings Legion Family:

The holiday season is upon us with Thanksgiving last week, Chanukah this week, and Christmas and New Years in just three weeks.

For most of us, this is a joyous time of year. For some of our Gold Star families, it may be a reminder of another holiday without their loved one. It is especially important that we reach out to these and all of our members during this season of giving.

Our November Joint Family meeting was attended by the Legion, Sons, and Auxiliary and hosted our District 5 Vice-Commander Mike Garcia. His message was growing membership by telling our story. Mike stressed inviting the “right” people to become members. He explained that if “...we tell our Legion Family story about who the Legion is and what we do, people will want to be a part of it.” Mike’s point was that we don’t want to recruit anyone we can just to achieve the numbers to meet our Department goal, but rather, to allow only the people who truly want to be a part of the Legion Family because they want to do the things the Legion does; help those the Legion helps; celebrate Americanism in all the ways the Legion Family celebrates.

This is truly a wonderful organization. In Washington and in the State Legislatures, The Legion lobbies for Veterans needs. The Legion supports their local communities, helping with youth sports, recognition of outstanding scholarship and citizenship, donating to many worthy community causes such as food banks, etc., and most importantly, supporting our Veterans in many ways.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Our Department Commander will be visiting Post 372 from 1600 – 1700 on Saturday December 4th. (That’s this coming Saturday.) I am asking all in the Legion family to be on hand to greet him and speak with him. This is an official visit, so it would be nice to have as many members of our family available to greet him in dark trousers and a white shirt (blouse) with the appropriate Legion Family cover.

Let me conclude with my wish for each and every one of you to have a Happy, Healthy, and Blessed holiday season and a wonderful New Year to come.

For God and Country,

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