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"VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA"

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Greetings to my fellow Legionnaire's,

I wanted to reach out to you to stay connected with everyone since the Department Convention in July. I have been remarkably busy traveling through the Department visiting Districts and Posts. It has been a great honor for me to be out encouraging membership through reinstating, renewals, and recruiting. Since the Department Convention not only have I been visiting Posts and Districts, but I have traveled to the National Convention in Phoenix and to the Legion Insurance Trust trip to Williamsburg, VA.

There have been many challenges since my election on July 11th, 2021, but the biggest one for myself was the resignation of our Past Department Adjutant Suzette Heller. Suzette put her whole heart, knowledge, and magnificent work ethic in helping chart out a great future for the Department Of Ohio American Legion. She also has become an exceptionally good friend and mentor. I wish Suzette all the best in her new endeavors. With Suzette leaving we had to search for a new Adjutant. We had several applications and after interviewing everyone we selected, Eric Hall. He has a great background and I have every confidence in him. He will need to learn the many things that he will be doing as our Department Adjutant, but he is more than capable of being a great Adjutant. I ask you when you have the opportunity, if you already do not know Eric, to introduce yourself. One other request that I have is as he learns his way around Department that you treat him with respect. You are going to be pleased on how dedicated Eric is to our Veterans and the Department of Ohio American Legion.

As you should be aware, my special project this year is Suicide Prevention and Education and Awareness. I am donating all monies raised to **Save A Warrior** (SAW). I encourage your Post to have a fundraiser, whether it be a breakfast, dinner, split the pot or whatever works for you. Make your check payable to Department of Ohio American Legion and mail to Department of Ohio at: P.O. Box 8007; 60 Big Run Rd.; Delaware, Ohio 43015. Memo section put SAW. We will present one check to Save A Warrior at the Department Convention on July 3rd, 2022. We are off to a great start, at my Homecoming on September 25th, 2021, I received over \$7,500. Save A Warrior is based right in Hillsboro, Ohio.

I hope that you are taking care of yourself, that you are still doing your Buddy Checks and staying safe.

For God and Country,

Jean L. Wilson

Department Commander



2021-2022 COMMANDER JEAN L. WILSON'S PROGRAM



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SUPPORTING:



THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO PARTNERING WITH SAVE A WARRIOR

SAW's PURPOSE IS TO INSPIRE THE GREATEST GENERATION OF SERVANT LEADERS IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY

Partnering with Save A Warrior™ who has changed countless lives through their "War Detox" program, which supports the healing from Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS). They specialize in connecting Active Duty Military, Returning Veterans, and First Responders experiencing psychological trauma.

They take timeless virtues and present what is beautiful and good in a powerfully sacred experience. As they approach the issue of suicide, they look at the whole person, realizing there are many pieces to this puzzle that must be located and pieced together. The goal of the "war detox" experience is to reduce pain and increase resiliency.

There are parts of ourselves that the traditional medical model is not equipped to heal or nourish, adding to our suffering. In ancient times, tribes understood that Warriors returning from battle required emotional and spiritual support to harmoniously reintegrate back into society. By combining historical rituals and ceremonies with contemporary innovations, SAW witnesses astonishing results. Through the timeless art form of storytelling and story listening, combined with well-grounded instruction informing solid, "daily practices", Warriors encounter a sense of being simultaneously present... and vitally alive.

Visit SAW's website for more information on their programs at: <https://saveawarrior.org/>

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SAVE A WARRIOR DONATION FORM

Name / Organization: _____

Post # (if applicable): _____

District #: _____

(highest contributing District will win a handsomely engraved award at Department Convention)

Donation Amount included: \$ _____

Make your check payable to:
AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
MEMO SECTION - SAW
and mail payment to:
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
P.O. Box 8007; 60 BIG RUN ROAD
DELAWARE, OHIO 43015



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