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Dear Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary,

We have enjoyed hearing from you and are truly inspired by the stories of service from posts across this nation that were named after World War One veterans from communities in all 50 states (and US Territories) who gave their life in the war. Thank you! Your many photographs, articles, and post histories have been captured and will be archived in the Library of Congress once our mandate has expired. Generations to come, including your families, will be able read about the sacrifice these doughboys, marines, and sailors made in a war long forgotten.

This year and throughout 2019, we will honor your veterans, your posts, and The Legion by publishing these stories. We know the American people will be as touched as we have been. We will be sending you a special US World War One Centennial Commission certificate as both a token of our appreciation and a memory for your local Legion families.

If you have not visited it already, please go to: www.ww1cc.org/veterans and browse through the many special features we have set up for your use on the US National World War One Centennial website. And please consider **making a donation** to help us build the National World War One Memorial here in Washington DC. Honor your post namesakes and veterans in your community by donating in the name of the honored WW1 veterans from your American community. The link above may be used for conations or call Mr. David Hamon (202-308-0821) (david.hamon@worldwar1centennial.org) who will process your special donation.

Thinking about 100 years ago today, A. Scott Berg said it best:

World War One forever altered America's character. Fundamentally, the enduring legacy of this war [for us] lies in its commitment to the belief that all people, forging their identities, no matter how small their numbers, are entitled to the privilege of self-determination and to the principle that all people are created equal and are endowed with certain unalienable rights. The war gave Americans that new sense of their own national identity, one that emboldened them to help others realize theirs."

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Dan' written in a cursive style.

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