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Hello members!

Our year as “United as One” has gotten off to an amazing start. At least for most of us, that is. I am sad to say there are already issues in some Units that I hope can be solved quickly and gently. We must always remember to put the mission above personalities. We don't necessarily have to like each other, but it is imperative we work together. You don't have to respect the person, although I would hope you do, but you **MUST** respect the position or office. That person was elected to that position, and they are there to do their best. If someone is undermining them, it hurts our Veterans. **That is not OK with me.**

Now that I got that off my chest, let's get down to business. I am here to help you and your Units in any way I can. Whether it's how to find specific information, hold a workshop for your members, or be a sounding board, I am here for you!

Are you ready for today's leadership activity? Please take out your Q-tip. That's OK, I'll wait... Does anyone need one? I have more. Now, take a moment to think about that Q-tip...why did she give it to me... What is she thinking... Has she lost her bloody mind??? (By the way, no I have not). OK, here's the answer...

I want you to hold up that Q-tip and look at it carefully...Repeat after me.... QUIT TAKING IT PERSONAL!!! Keep that Q-tip with you. Put it in your wallet, your procedure book, or wherever you know where to find it. Whenever you are having a tough time, take out that Q-tip and remind yourself-quit taking it personal. It is not about me, it is about the mission, our mission.

I hope this little activity has put some hope in your heart. Thank you for your time and patience.

BE THE ONE~

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