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Hello Members,

Our Department VA&R chairman, Susan Baker, has brought up 3 very important points of focus in her September bulletin.

The first is homelessness among our Veterans. As fall approaches, it is extremely important to keep an eye out for our homeless Veterans. Locally, our new Standdown group, Monterey County Veterans Standdown, is soliciting organizations for donations. As soon as the group has some money built up, they will be able to hold at least a one-day event in our tri-county area. They were hoping to hold an event this fall, but funding has not materialized. If your Units or Posts can assist them, there is a letter in your packets today with the information to share out. Please consider helping them out. More information will be available as soon as possible.

The second item is suicide awareness, especially among our Veterans. Department President, Glenda Schultz's project this year is working in tandem with the American Legion on "Be the One", Veterans suicide awareness and hopefully prevention. I have included Susan's bulletin with the information regarding this initiative.

The third item of focus is the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. Let's see how we can promote and support this wonderful program.

The last item I would like to bring up is Project Hero. The group will be here on October 16th. Post 512 has offered the hall again and the riders will be arriving at the Post at 6:00 for dinner. I am looking for volunteers to acquire desserts, green salad with dressings, potato salad, macaroni salad, chicken quarters and pork roasts for pulled pork. I am also looking for someone to make the chili and French bread. Lunches and dinner will be for 55. In addition to dinner, we will be making sandwiches for their ride on Tuesday. They have asked for ½ ham or turkey and ½ PB&J, as well as pickles and a dessert. We will need water and Gatorade to send with them, as well.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me. If I don't have the answer, I will find it. Let's all Be the One to work hard for our veterans.

Respectfully~

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