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Dear Members,

I do not have much to report, but I would like to share something I learned at our DEC. Very sad news...

During District reports, I heard about Unit after Unit on the verge of surrendering their charters. Several, if not many of them simply because members could not get along anymore. It had become so bad that there was no way to conduct any business or complete our mission. I share this because it reminded me of times when our own Units have struggled with dissension in the ranks. It may have been disagreeing on how to work a specific program or agreeing on a fund-raising activity. We are here to support our Veterans, our youth, and our communities. We do not have to like each other all the time. We can agree to disagree, but we cannot allow it to stand in the way of our work. If you don't have something nice to say, please do not say anything at all.

In my classroom we have a saying: "**THINK** before you speak" It stands for:

- Is it **T**True?
- Is it **H**elpful?
- Is it **I**nspiring?
- Is it **N**ecessary?
- Is it **K**ind?

If the answer to any of those questions is "no", then you need to keep it to yourself. We all are entitled to our opinions, but it is not OK to hurt others with our words. It is not very productive. Just something to think about.

Respectfully Submitted~

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