



**THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Dear Legionnaire:

I want to “Thank You” for being a **valued** member of The American Legion; the largest organization of wartime veterans and the strongest voice for veterans.

We (members of The American Legion) honorably served The United States of America as a member of the armed forces during a period of declared conflict. Now, we continue to proudly serve our community, state and nation as a member of The American Legion.

The American Legion distributes thousands of dollars each year to veterans and their families through various programs, including: Temporary Family Assistance, National Emergency Fund, Operation Comfort Warrior and the Legacy Scholarship Foundation. We value a Strong National Defense. The American Legion provides Americanism programs that promote patriotism and honor; including American Legion Baseball, High School Oratorical, Middle School Essay, and American Legion Boys State. Our objective, for children and youth, is to strengthen the family unit, provide communities with well-rounded programs for young people and support organizations that help children in need.

Your continuous membership in The American Legion signifies your support of the **four pillars** on which our organizations was founded and continues to endorse: ***Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Strong National Security, Americanism and Children and Youth.***

Thank You for maintaining your continuous membership in our great organization. In case you have forgotten to send in your renewal for “2015”, I hope, after reading this letter, you will realize how valuable your American Legion membership is and submit your renewal today.

For God and Country

Gerald L. Rhoads
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