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Dear Bishop Higgins, Msgr. Coyle, Fellow Officers, Veterans, and Guests,

Greetings!!! It's been my honor to be the installing officer for several post throughout the department. I wish I could be able to do them all but it is difficult to do so since many are having their installation scheduled on the same day.

I have been going to posts meetings throughout the Department. I want to thank all the posts that I have been to for their hospitality. I plan on visiting the balance of posts in the spring. The facts are Posts are doing many good things, helping Veterans. Others are learning and very energetic.

The State as a whole is doing fairly well. Our department 2nd Vice Commander Ken Kirchner is working diligently on recruiting especially with National recruiting week. There are some new and good things going on which will help with recruiting. The commanders and their officers know they can call me direct if they need any help. I have told all commanders that I am more than willing to help them out in any way I can. As I tell them all they need to remember the membership is the life blood of our organization.

The commanders and posts officers' reports have been sent with a reminders that they will be due shortly in December and early January. All Posts were reminded to see the National web site and find out when their particular reports are due. It was reiterated that it is imperative that these reports are completed on time, if they are to expect any National recognition and Department VAVS funds you MUST complete all VAVS forms on time and correctly.

It has been an honor to be the Department of Ohio Commander. I have met so many organizations and people it is humbling. My goal is to get the word out about the Catholic War Veterans. I am working on getting radio interviews at sever stations to get the word out. I was recently interviewed at WINT 1330AM and 101.5FM. It seems to have worked since I have received calls concerning the interview.

God Bless+

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