Region 6 Report January 20, 2021

Hello Everyone,

The past three months have been quite interesting. In October, I was involved with an event held at the Highground Veterans Memorial in Neillsville, WI for Vietnam Veterans. Greeting and feeding those in attendance, was part of my duties for the day. We had a very nice turnout, even with Covid. I spent many hours throughout the month helping a couple Vietnam veteran friends with yard work and other miscellaneous jobs they wanted to get done. There was also an event held at the Highground's new property (Camp Victory) that I attended in recognition of the programs being held to assist veterans with disabilities and PTSD.

Unfortunately, I started November off with a positive test for Covid 19. As a Chief Election Inspector, I felt I should be tested prior to Election Day, and sure enough it came back positive. I spent several weeks trying to shake the many different symptoms this virus can include. There were days I thought I was done with it, then bam, here came another round of ailments. This virus has made things very difficult in the manner of trying to hold events and gather with our veterans. We can only hope and pray that better days are coming soon.

My December was pretty calm, until I began a relationship with a special lady that is very involved with assisting veterans also. We have worked the food pantry programs together, to help those in need. We have also spent time visiting with many veterans who have been stuck at home. It is very gratifying to have someone else in my life that feels the way I do about our veterans. Every veteran deserves our respect, as we should always honor their service to our country.

A little information I can provide to the Region, is the membership statistics. As of December 31, 2020, we have 10,129 members nationally. There are 1,049 in Region 6. Currently, we have the following in each state- Nebraska 24, Kansas 43, Minnesota 68, Iowa 70, South Dakota 77, North Dakota 170, Missouri 262 and Wisconsin 335. I would like to ask that our State and Chapter Representatives continue recruiting, even with this pandemic. We will build strength for this organization with a strong membership base.

I wish I was able to be more productive this quarter, but health issues and covid 19 have really put a strangle hold on my activity. We all need to simply push forward and ask our lord for strength, courage and guidance to get through the tough days we face.

If anyone wishes to communicate with me, I am always available through phone calls or email.

God Bless

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