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From the Commander March 4, 2011

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,
Hope all is well with everyone and their families.

We will be having a regular meeting this next Thursday night at 7pm, March 10, 2011. During the next quarter I would like to focus on 3 things.

Recruitment. I will be asking others for their input in the months ahead to enhance the Bugler.

I expect us to be more visible at the district meetings.

We are cleaning house. Both with the stuff we have and how we are giving and serving others.

HISTORY ARTICLE BY MR. URBAN WHITAKER

Commander David, Here is my first offering for the History Corner. I am really enjoying putting the story together...Urban

Our Historic Meeting Place. We already knew that we are meeting in a very historic building which was designed in 1917 by famous architect Julia Morgan (Hearst Castle) for the YWCA. Initially it was the "Hostess House" where thousands of U.S. Army soldiers stationed at Camp Fremont could meet their wives, Mothers, and other significant others. After a little research we now know that when WW1 ended in 1918 Hostess House was almost immediately moved to its present site in Palo Alto. It was

bought from the Army by the City of Palo Alto for the bargain price of ONE DOLLAR, cut into three separate pieces and moved (either by horses or Army trucks) down El Camino to University Avenue where it was re-assembled. ---- (More of this interesting story in the next Bugler).

Commander's Corner.

Well gentlemen, you have surprised me at such quick responses. Just last meeting Mr. Urban Whitaker has volunteered to enhance the Bugler by adding a monthly historic article monthly! And, Mr. Walter McVeigh has been attending the district meetings the last 2 months, and furthermore, I bet the closet has been sorted through. THANK YOU!

Last month Chaplain Dixon and I made a visit to Mr. Easter while he was in the VA hospital and this month I intend to visit our 1st Vice Commander Mr. Paul Foret. I hope he is getting better. Please continue praying for him and Mr. Easter. I am praying that I can be a good Commander for you. I have been busy lately, but aren't we all. I really don't have excuses. I am supposed to be an example for you. So, please be patient with me as we continue to serve God and Country together. Blessings, Commander David Wateska

WE HAVE GREAT CONCERN ABOUT MIAS AND THE RETURN OF OUR DEAD AS WELL AS THOSE VETERNS IN NEED OF OUR HELP AND SERVICES
