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Greetings fellow Sons,

I was honored to represent you at the 85th annual Lincoln Pilgrimage in Springfield on February 11 and 12. Our National Commander Greg "Doc" Gibbs was there along with National Legion Commander Brett Reistad and National Auxiliary President Kathy Dungan. We took Commander Gibbs to a couple of the Lincoln sites in Springfield, and also toured a veterans transitional home. The Commander had a wonderful time on his visit to our state.

Spring is right around the corner, and with it the last National membership renewal notices. We have been doing a great job this membership year, and a big thanks to Sr. Vice Phil Stander for all of his hard work. With a strong push for the end of the year we will surely reach our 100%.

Coming up, April is Children and Youth month, and I am looking for donations to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. There are banner forms in this packet. If your squadron would fill one out and return it to our finance officer that would be greatly appreciated. On a national level we will soon pass over \$8 million in total donations from the Sons, with your help Illinois will help push them over this mark.

Thanks for all the hard work that you and your fellow members are doing.