

# Sons of The American Legion



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Dear Commander;

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I'm writing to you about a special project I initiated this year that is very near and dear to me. I'm sure you already read and heard in previous communications about the Sons of The American Legion having a special day to honor our Veterans. It is National Veterans Assistance Day.

The inaugural National Veterans Assistance Day will be May 17, 2008. On that day I am asking that every member of the Sons of The American Legion do something for a Veteran. It can be anything that helps a Veteran or just take time to visit Veterans and cheer them up. This can be a Squadron project, or individual members can take time to participate with our Veterans.

Also on that day, I would like to include the families of those soldiers that are away on active duty serving our great nation. Without our Veterans there would not be an American Legion family, meaning there would not be an organization, called the Sons of The American Legion. Our Veterans answered the call to serve America and without them there would not be freedom and an America for us to enjoy. As members of the Sons of The American Legion and as Americans, we owe our Veterans a debt of gratitude that we can never repay. I don't know about you, but I would sure like to try.

I am asking every Detachment Commander (you) to send this message to all the Squadrons and members within your Detachment. I know this can be a success with your help. Remember all the Veterans of any age, members or non-members of The American Legion. If possible, please involve your community in this day. We want our communities and towns to know that the Sons of The American Legion is out there serving America and doing great work, especially where our Veterans are concerned. This day will also help us to receive some great public relations for the Sons of The American Legion.

I want to "Thank you" for what you do for our organization; it is greatly appreciated by me and by your fellow members. If you have any questions about Veterans Assistance Day, please feel free to contact me. Let's go out and have fun and help our Veterans at the same time!

*Raymond P. Gehl, Jr.*  
Signed: Raymond P. Gehl, Jr.  
National Commander

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