VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

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Dear Comrades of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Michigan:

State Commander Ray Lopez is pleased to announce that the Department of Michigan has entered into a contract with a trusted partner, Publishing Concepts Inc. (PCI), to contact our members for the purpose of documenting the unique stories of your military service, first in an oral form by telephone interview, and then compiling those stories into a special publication displaying the richness of the history of Michigan's veterans of all eras, branches and theaters.

PCI will be contacting our members by post card beginning this month. Your response is purely voluntary. Your response to the post card solicitation from PCI will do two things.

First, verification of your primary contact information: address, telephone number and email address to allow our Department and National to update this information. As you may know, we at Department have been doing this kind of solicitation through your Posts for several months and found a significant percentage of records that needed to be updated.

Second, provide you the opportunity to participate in an oral history project by agreeing to a telephone interview about your military service. This is a unique opportunity for you to share your story of military service to our country with a professional editor. You may supplement your story with pictures. Ultimately your story, with those of thousands of our fellow Michigan veterans, will be complied into a book which will be made available to you.

Your military service is unique to you. Through your service you made lifelong friends, shared experiences that made you who you are today. Your story is worth sharing with your family, friends and community. I hope that you will decide to participate in this oral history project even if you do not decide to purchase the final book. By sharing your memory of experiences now you will ensure that the rich diverse history of our VFW members will be preserved to be treasured by future generations.

Thank you for your participation!

Sincerely,

Barry Walter
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