Dear Legionnaire,

#GivingTuesdayNow, which will take place on May 5, 2020, is a global day of giving and unity — an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. The day is designed to drive an influx of generosity and hope for communities and nonprofits across the globe.

At a time when we are all experiencing uncertainty, generosity can bring us together. #GivingTuesdayNow will be a day for people around the world to stand together and give back in any way we can, no matter who or where we are. Whether it’s helping a neighbor, advocating for an issue, or giving to causes, every act of generosity counts.

America’s veterans and their families are among the hardest hit by the deadly coronavirus and COVID-19. I am proud to share the ways American Legion
Family members throughout the United States are embracing the spirit of generosity to support their fellow veterans and communities during this crisis.

- In Chesterfield, Virginia, Major Charles A. Ransom Post 186 has given space to the nonprofit Feed our First Responders (FOFR) and its half dozen volunteers to prepare 350-plus meals a day provided at no cost to first responders at area hospitals.
- In Northborough, Massachusetts, Legionnaires at Vincent F. Picard American Legion Post 234 are constructing face shields for healthcare workers after Post Commander Rick Currier learned how to make them through an online tutorial forwarded to him by his daughter, a New York City dentist.
- In Linglestown, Pennsylvania, Robert H. Hoke Post 272 member Leroy Lippi Jr. has completed nearly 500 Buddy Check calls around his community since the pandemic began with the goal of ensuring his fellow veterans know The American Legion is there for them.

The American Legion is also providing critical support for military and veteran families in need.

Temporary Financial Assistance grants provide immediate debt-free cash to current active duty or American Legion members to help meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health expenses. The need for these grants is expected to grow at an unprecedented rate as veterans continue to be impacted by the coronavirus crisis. Support of The American Legion Veteran & Children Foundation helps build reserves for Temporary Financial Assistance grants that will help families in the months ahead.

We will get through this, but we need to work together. Join the movement and make your #GivingTuesdayNow gift on May 5. **With your help, we can continue to carry out our most sacred responsibility: to care for our nation’s heroes.**

For God and country,
P.S. You don’t have to wait until May 5. Make a gift now to support our nation’s veterans during this difficult time.