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Subject: ***SITREP 003-2026***

Dear Members:

We had some positive financial revenue numbers in the months of August and September. However, this success has come at a cost – ***burnout and need more volunteers!!!***

Since assuming Post Commandership again, I personally have been doing all food preps for Friday night dinners, procuring kitchen supplies, trimming steak and chicken, cleaning potatoes, and kitchen clean-up. Special thanks go out to our Auxiliary "Ladies" Team for their dedication and hard work every Friday night with clean-up, etc. I will be proposing at the next Executive Board that we compensate the Auxiliary $1.00 for every meal served – this is just another small way to thank the Auxiliary Team. If other entities want to join and earn money, please reach out to me. The following food preparations and serving procedures will be on a trial basis to ease the kitchen kayos:

- Will need a volunteer every Friday to help strictly with cleaning dishes, pots and pans (ALL ENTITIES). Note: Bob and Bill have been instrumental with grill preps and cooking.
- Help with purchasing and maintaining kitchen supplies (2nd Vice Commander's responsibility).
- Using our chaffing dishes pre-staged in the kitchen, the steaks and chickens will be pre-cooked and placed in the chaffing dishes with temperature identification. The kitchen staff will plate, season, and deliver the plate(s) accordingly.
- Zeffy sign-up report will be provided for the window volunteer(s) along with tickets.
- Re-visit NFL Sunday Football hours, food, games, currently headed up by the SAL. Howard is POC.
- Property clean-up working parties. I'm going to ask our 3rd Vice Commander (Ed Tsirigotis) to coordinate a "quarterly" Post beautification project.
- Special thanks to Julie Kay, Mia, and the Nease JRNOTC Honor Guard for our recent POW/MIA Ceremony this past Friday.
- Special thanks to our Bar Manager, Randi Shields, for her dedication and creativity with drinks specials and improving our customer service experience.
- I gave (personally) $25 gift cards to all folks who were instrumental in the Post passing the past two Health Department Inspections.

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In closing, I will be undergoing hip replacement surgery within the next several weeks and really need help with EVERTHING! ***WE*** have some major hurdles to overcome, but with ***YOUR*** efforts, time, expertise, and donations, ***WE*** will survive this storm. I am grateful for the outpour of help with repairs and volunteering. It must be a **TEAM** effort! GOD Bless **OUR** Post Family.

For GOD and Country,

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