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**BULLETIN FROM THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT- # 2015-16**  
**REGARDING POST 26 WISCONSIN**  
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**TO: ALL NEC OFFICERS, STATE AND POST COMMANDERS, PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS, & MEMBERS**

**SUBJECT: STATUS OF POST 26 WISCONSIN**

As discussed at the NEC in December 2014, ongoing conversations were taking place between the National, the State and members in Wisconsin with a view of ending the litigation and bringing issues to a close. This was a major task that I undertook at the direction of Commander Hentkowski when I became the National Judge Advocate

On 22 July Commander Hentkowski and I traveled to Wisconsin to facilitate negotiations. This was the result of numerous conversations I have had over the past ten months with attorneys on all sides of the issues and agreement by all parties to submit to arbitration. I am happy to announce that an agreement was reached, signed by Commander Hentkowski, the previous and present State Commanders of Wisconsin, and the two Post 26 parties to the lawsuit.

The principal parts of the agreement include withdrawal of the lawsuit, the "reinstatement" of Post 26 and elections of officers to be held within 90 days of the agreement. While there are other provisions to the agreement, the primary goal of a resolution of litigation and a framework in which we can bring members back has been achieved. In any agreement of this nature, it should not be viewed in the light of winners and losers, but rather an honest give and take, with the goal of all parties to come together, move forward and as always, look to activate and re-energize old members while endeavoring to bring in new members and create new Posts.

As with any organization of our size, and the fact that we are spread throughout the country, collect dues, have real assets, and have national obligations as a federally chartered veterans organization, there are many legal issues that arise on a constant basis. In that regard, in addition to the attorneys who I worked with in this case, I have been working with attorneys in other veterans organizations in order to strengthen the PLAV through collaboration on issues that are common to us. All veteran organizations face the same membership, financial and internal

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turmoil challenges at one time or another.

I look forward to continuing to work with all members of the PLAV and to be of particular assistance at any time litigation or legal issues affecting the PLAV arise. As the PLAV is a national organization, litigation and actions of a legal or ethical nature at any level of the PLAV are of importance and consequence to the national organization. Do not hesitate to bring such issues to my attention at any time in order that I may assist in their early resolution while protecting the good name and reputation of the PLAV.

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