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Comrades, Shipmates, Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have many organizations resident in our facility who meet at different times during the month. We ALL have an interest in what is happening to OUR CLUB since we share the work and the benefits. All of our organizations have the same goals to serve the veteran whether he/she be active duty, retired, and who has honorably served OUR Nation but different eligibility requirements. The business meetings of the American Legion (AL), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and their Auxiliaries; American Veterans (AMVETS), Sons of the Legion (SAL), Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA), are not only required to officially conduct business but is also a requirement of the IRS for non-profit organizations' continued tax status.

The House Committee meeting, held the first Saturday of each month, are forums for the organizations' representatives to express desire for change to the facility, entertainment, schedule meal offerings, and coordinate facility and volunteer issues. We work together and have made many facility improvements. We can never rest with our modernization, maintenance and repair efforts. Accordingly, we have prepared a letter to La Mesa organizations asking them to consider yearly donations which will be specifically earmarked for the Facility Fund. We have also asked our members to consider such donations.

We have done much to shave costs and improve our practices. We are always looking to expand our Programs, not shrink them. We have low-cost meals, entertainment suitable to most members, and Programs that benefit the veteran and community. We have volunteers who prepare and serve food and beverage, and who help improve the facility. Without volunteers, we would not survive. We are always looking for more. We now have a girl scout troop that helps clean our Memorial and parking lots. How are you helping us?

For organizations to prosper, there must be active officers (elected and/or appointed) who are willing to spend a few hours each month to lead and manage. We are willing to train new officers. We are all on the "hunt" for new members and for our youth to join us. We want to stay in the community. We want a family environment. We want quality food and beverage. We are cheaper than commercial business that begs the question: Why spend your hard-earned money in commercial establishments when you can get nearly the same in our facility at a much reduced cost? If you do not belong or support, then we may well be gone when you need us most. Strength is membership. It is estimated that approximately 90% of the population are eligible to join one of our organizations, whether by their own right or via their family.

"Where are you?" We want you! Please continue your membership (cheap investment) and visit us. Websites (VFW and AMVETS: www.vfwlamesa.org ; American Legion: www.lamesapost282.org) for the calendar of events and your email.

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