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TO: National Executive Committee Members, National Officers, National Chairmen, Past National Presidents
CC: Department Presidents; Department Secretaries, NHQ Staff
From: Kelly Circle, Executive Director
Re: **Weekly Briefing 8-07-2020**

Thank you to all who sent happy birthday wishes! I had a wonderful celebration with great friends, camping in the mountains and enjoying the low humidity and no bugs. We had a pair of resident chipmunks at our campsite who ate out of our hands! I've attached a picture of one so you can see just how cute they were. 😊

I was in a fog before my vacation, and I missed mentioning two more Girls State program activities. My sincere apology to the Departments of Vermont and Louisiana for the omission! Check out their programs on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ALAGMGS/> and <https://www.facebook.com/girlsstatela> respectively.

This week, we've been busy preparing and hosting the Finance Committee meeting in which we reviewed and finalized the FY21 budget to present to the NEC later this month. It was my first time through the process, and I was so grateful for the collaborative nature and sharp business finance skills of the committee members! I learned a lot about the priorities of our organization which will help me greatly in the future.

FYI regarding the upcoming NEC Meeting – Saturday, August 29

NEC members should have received an invite to register for the NEC meeting happening on August 29. During the registration process, participants will have the opportunity to make a donation by credit card. A donation is not required to register. A test call will be required for all participants to make sure they are able to know how to navigate through the platform, as it is a different system than the last NEC meeting. Participants will sign up for a test call during the registration process. Only NEC members will be able to participate; the NEC meeting will be recorded for others to view after the meeting. If you have any questions about registering, email the Events Team at meetings@alaforveterans.org.

Next week, the staff will be returning to the office under the CDC and Indiana guidelines for COVID-19. We have implemented a telecommuting policy which will minimize the number of people in the office on any given day. Those not in the office will be working from home and we will continue to provide seamless service to our members.