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Dear County President,

I am reaching out to you and the Units in your County with an appeal. As you know, this past June I had the privilege of being elected to the position of President of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of New Jersey thanks to the support of your County and Units.

Each year the new President selects a project to help enhance the lives of veterans and their families. This year I, along with the Commanders of the American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion, have agreed to join forces and work together to raise funds for five individual projects. The projects and their associated costs include:

1. Furnishing apartments being built for homeless veterans by the Tom Kennedy Hoboken Post #187. The Post was destroyed during Sandy and as part of their rebuilding they have added floors to provide six apartments (to be expanded to twelve) for homeless veterans. See photos attached. \$25,000
2. Supporting DMAVA (New Jersey's Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs) in providing transportation for homebound veterans to medical appointments such as dialysis and chemo treatments (state wide). \$25,000
3. Purchasing new cafeteria/meeting room furniture for Veterans Haven North -- a transitional housing and rehabilitation program for homeless veterans. Furniture there now is from the 30's and is of limited utility. Residents come from all New Jersey communities. \$16,000
4. Purchasing a new 15 passenger van for Veterans Haven South to transport transitioning homeless veterans to work and/or appointments. \$30,000
5. Brig. General Wm. Doyle Cemetery, known as the Arlington of New Jersey, is the resting place for thousands of veterans from around the state. The chapel is used by families of the deceased for funeral services (approximately 13 per day). The restroom at the chapel is in dire need of repair and renovation. \$16,000

The total estimated cost for all five projects is \$112,000. Since the Auxiliary's membership is roughly 20% of that of the New Jersey Legion, my personal goal is to raise roughly 20% of the total which would be about \$20,000.

If your County has made donations to the Department President's Project in the past "thank you". If yes, I'm asking if you might "dig" a little deeper to help me achieve the goal. If you have not made