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Dear Commander,

Currently, women comprise 15 percent of the active duty military and

18 percent of the Guard and Reserve. With the steady increase of women wearing our nation's uniform and their increased role in military operations, it has never been more important that we ensure women veterans have a VFW that is ready and able to care for them when they transition back to civilian life.

To assist with this transition, the Department of Pennsylvania VFW is organizing a retreat for women veterans to gather in a relaxed atmosphere to discuss various topics with fellow women veterans. The topics will range from VA healthcare to outreach and training programs. I would like to especially encourage your younger women veterans to attend.

Often times, women veterans move directly from the battlefield to raising a family and starting a career. This transition can be difficult, and they may have no one with whom they can share their struggles. I hope that this retreat will offer the women an opportunity to meet other women veterans from neighboring districts and counties across our state and that friendships and support groups will develop.

The retreat is scheduled for:

MARCH 29, 30, 31 of 2019

At your next District meeting, it would be appreciated if you would consider donating to this worthwhile event. Any donation amount is appreciated and should be made out to **PA VFW**. If any women veterans would be interested in assisting with organizing the retreat, please have them contact me at quartermaster@ephratavfw.org or 717.575.3982

All donations should be sent to

Dept of PA VFW State Headquarters

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Very respectfully,

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