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TO: All Squadron Commanders and Adjutants
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Division Commanders

Gentlemen,

We are ready to roll out our Squadron Training Sessions. Six sessions will be held across the Land of Lincoln, each location selected to ensure no more than a two-hour drive for members in that region. Every session will run from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, and the Detachment will provide lunch for all attendees.

Training Dates & Locations

- **December 5, 2026** – Des Plaines Post 36, 191 Oakwood Drive, Des Plaines
- **December 6, 2026** – Sterling Post 296, 601 1st Avenue, Sterling
- **December 19, 2026** – Bartonville Post 979, 4501 Airport Road, Bartonville
- **December 20, 2026** – Springfield Post 32, 1120 E Sangamon Avenue, Springfield
- **January 9, 2027** – Mattoon Post 88, 1903 Maple Avenue, Mattoon
- **January 10, 2027** – Benton Post 280, 311 S. Main Street, Benton

Please register using the link below (the QR code directs to the same site). Include the number of attendees from your Squadron so we can properly plan for lunch and printed materials:
https://makeform.ai/f/IZjhTXLs

The Leadership & Training Committee has invested many hours into preparing these sessions. Topics will include leadership, mentorship, required annual forms, award opportunities, and an open Q&A segment.

All Squadrons are strongly encouraged to send at least one representative. The American Legion National Commander, Jay Bowen, has set this year's theme: **BPOTS — "Be Part Of The Solution."** Proper training strengthens not only your Squadron, but also your Post and the community you serve. If we are not actively working to be part of the solution… we may unintentionally become part of the problem.

Thank you for your commitment to the Sons of The American Legion and to the mission we share.