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Dear Comrades,

Each year the State Commander and Auxiliary President select a special project. Carol Brosnihan & I have chosen to place a flagstone in our National Home Tribute Park. The cost is a minimum donation of five thousand (5,000) dollars.

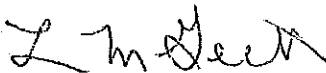
Did you know:

1. Many of the states with a large membership and deep pockets sponsor a dwelling in the National Home. Annual cost of this is about thirty-five (35) – forty (40) thousand dollars. Nebraska does not sponsor a dwelling.
2. Donations made to the National Home are put in the current year's budget – spent and gone!
3. Donations made to the Tribute Park are placed in a trust fund. Only interest from the fund is spent. Donations to the Tribute Park are a 'lasting' contribution that continue to provide income for ensuing years.
4. There is currently nothing in our National Home representing the Department of Nebraska!

Obviously, the flagstone does NOT cost \$5000! All funds donated over the cost of the flagstone go into the trust fund for future years' budgets! Putting a flagstone with the Department of Nebraska listed as the donor in the National Home Tribute Park would provide permanent visual testimony of the support we provide them each year and how much the National Home means to us.

I have personally donated \$100, my post has donated \$500, Department has donated \$500 and Soldier Distillery has donated \$160! I need your help to reach our \$5000 goal. I am asking each post and all comrades who wish to do so, to donate a minimum of \$25. Checks can be mailed to Department HQ, should be made out to the VFW Department of Nebraska and memo field should indicated Commander's National Home Flagstone. You may also make donations by credit card by calling Department HQ. Together we can do this!

Yours in Comradeship,

Larry M. Gerlt  
State Commander