



RON F. HOPE
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Gerard Walsh, Commander
Somerville Chapter #16
25 Apple Tree Lane
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Dear Commander Walsh:

Today I received a very welcome letter from a member of your Chapter, Mr. Louis Moretti, a member of Chapter 16 for 69 years and part of America's "Greatest Generation."

DAV's lifeblood lies within our membership and veterans like Louis have allowed us to inherit a strong organization that continues to serve veterans and their families.

Louis said during his time with Chapter 16 he saw membership ebb and flow and, at one point, there was even discussion about disbanding it.

But now, Louis said, a member he calls a "bright star" has taken the reins of Chapter 16. He informed me the Chapter is growing, has veterans of all generations in its ranks and is very active in the local community especially at the Lyons and East Orange VA Medical Centers.

In his letter, Louis said he and many other veterans in Chapter 16 attribute much of this to your vision and your leadership and I couldn't agree more! He noted you are an "enthusiastic and energetic leader" and spoke very highly of your commitment of service to fellow veterans.

On behalf of our organization's 1.2 million members, I offer you my most heartfelt thanks and salute you for your leadership and the noble work Chapter 16 is undertaking. It's an honor to stand beside you as we continue our mission of service to people who know, better than anyone else, freedom is truly not free.

It's bought and paid for by people like Louis Moretti, yourself and the members of your truly outstanding Chapter.

Thank you again for your leadership and pass on my best wishes to members of Chapter 16 for their continued success.

With Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron F. Hope", is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, the name "RON F. HOPE" and the title "National Commander" are printed in a small, black, sans-serif font.

RON F. HOPE
National Commander

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c: Louis J. Moretti
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