To: All Members of The Sons of The American Legion

Re: Wreath Laying Ceremonies, Washington Conference Sunday February 25, 2018

The Sons of The American Legion National Commander Danny Smith will be placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery on February 25, 2018 at 9:15 am. Following Arlington National Cemetery National Commander Danny Smith will then be laying wreaths at both the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the World War II Memorial. This notification will allow members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, friends and families to attend and show our respect for the sacrifices made by our Nation’s military in the defense of liberty and freedom.

In the previous years, Detachments have placed their wreaths at various areas in Washington DC. The National Organization received from the American Legion Family and many tourists have made positive statements regarding seeing the wreaths from Detachments placed around the Washington area. We feel that this is a very positive outcome and are recommending any Detachment wishing to lay a wreath or have a wreath laid for them in the Washington area to continue.

Representatives from each Detachment or their designee would be able to choose a location to lay their wreath, some placed wreaths at areas that the buses rented by the National Organization stopped to do ceremonies (this year Korean War Veterans Memorial and the World War II Memorial), others later placed wreath in various locations around Washington DC. I will be ordering wreaths for National Commander Danny Smith, and to have the wreaths appear in conformity, we would like to request Detachments order the wreaths as a group; the wreaths last year cost each Detachment $150.00.

At the Washington Conference, I will provide each Detachment a separate receipt from the florist shop for each wreath ordered checks should be made payable to William D Kelly and mailed to my home address. Below is an order form. Please send back only the bottom portion of this letter and keep the top section for your records. I must have the completed order form and payment by Friday February 2, 2018 to ensure your Detachment has a wreath ordered. (No payment, no wreath!)
The National Organization will again this year rent buses to transport individuals to and from the wreath laying ceremonies. **We have included a second bus this year, due to previous years request, increasing our capacity from 56 to 112 seats.** To fully take advantage of this we will be taking **requests** for seats on the buses with the wreath order. It is very important, if you reserve a seat that you be in attendance and if you cannot, please contact William D.(Bill) Kelly at [kellyjrwmd@gmail.com](mailto:kellyjrwmd@gmail.com)  Home 904-573-2979 or Cell 904-673-8435.

We will also again this year order box lunches for on the bus “it is highly recommended that individuals take advantage of this as it is a long period to go without eating.” The cost will be $8.00 each - you will have a choice of turkey, ham or roast beef. Payment and choice will be needed along with the wreath order.

If you need further information or have questions, I can be contacted by phone during the day at Home 904-573-2979 Cell 904-673-8435 or by Email [kellyjrwmd@gmail.com](mailto:kellyjrwmd@gmail.com).

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**WREATH & LUNCH ORDER FORM - WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WREATH LAYING**

**February 25, 2018**

**DETACHMENT ______________________________**  **CONTACT NAME ______________________________**

**ADDRESS**

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**CELL PHONE # ________________________________**  **E-MAIL ________________________________**

Wreath Request ($150) – (Name of Detachment)

Seats Requested for Bus - # ______

Box Lunch ($8.00 each)  Turkey # ______  Ham # ______  Roast Beef # ______

Total Paid $ _________________

Name of others attending and Cell # (Please fill out completely to allow for better communication) -

Name __________________________ Cell # __________________________

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PAYMENT MUST BE ENCLOSED. ORDER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT!!!

Please make check payable to: **William D Kelly** and Send to **W.C. Wreaths % William D Kelly**

5686 Wolf Creek Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32222