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Dear Post Commander:

I hope 2023 is treating you well. Spring is around the corner and Memorial Day will bring many chances for us to see each other.

You are probably aware that my special project as PA State VFW Commander is to raise funds to build a second Fisher House in our region. The Fisher House in Oakland is right near the Pitt campus, and its ten rooms are not enough for the number of veteran families who seek out a place to stay. The VA and the Fisher House Foundation have made a second Pittsburgh Fisher House a priority. Ground-breaking is set for 2024 followed by the grand opening in 2025.

When you give to this effort, you are directly helping vets and their families. In fact, the average stay is 6 days. The amenities offered by the Fisher House – free lodging, food and more – saves families approximately \$1900 for every six-day stay. That makes an impact, emotionally and financially, on families who are already stressed due to a medical issue.

Just think, if every VFW Post member gave \$6 to coincide with the average six-day stay of a veteran's family, this year's VFW special project could make a significant contribution toward the second Fisher House. Your donations will go to the *Helping Heroes Heal* fund and will literally help pay for a new 16-suite house in O'Hara township on the HJ Heinz campus of the VA.

To make your VFW or VFW Auxiliary gift, please make your check payable to the VFW – Department of PA and mail to:

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Be sure to indicate in the memo that the funds are to support State Commander Henry Mannella's special project.

To date, the VFW's and Auxiliaries in PA have raised \$53,140.51. We know we can raise more. Showing our commitment will leave a legacy of caring for all who serve for years to come.

Please give as generously as you can and help spread the word too.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Mannella', is written over the 'Thank you,' text.

State Commander Henry R. Mannella
VFW Department of Pennsylvania