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Dear Mr. Jerry Coleman and Dr. Roscoe Brown,

When I took the oath as the national commander at our annual convention in Minneapolis, I shared my theme for the year: We Serve With PRIDE. For more than 92 years Legionnaires have been doing just that and as we head toward our centennial we will continue to remind the public that America must never forget its veterans.

As you gather together for the Spirit of '45 National Leadership Conference, be reminded how important it is today to welcome home those brave men and women who wear the uniform, many who have been in harm's way. We need to support them and their families as they return to the communities they defended.

The legacy of our "Greatest Generation" is far reaching. As the first Chinese-American national commander of The American Legion, I applaud efforts to include in that legacy our Chinese American veterans. My post, Lt. B.R. Kimlau Chinese Memorial Post 1291 in New York, was founded by returning Chinese-American veterans after World War II and for over 65 years has served our members and community, dedicated to upholding the goals and ideals of justice, freedom, democracy and loyalty.

As you prepare for this summer's "Spirit of '45 Day" during this leadership conference, I join with you in honor of this legacy, believing it will always continue to inspire America.

Sincerely,



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National Commander