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Well, since my last newsletter, our elected officials had learned how to get along, play nice, and end the government shut-down. This had affected the lives of many of our country's citizens whose lives were being held hostage for "Political Football". However, this didn't last very long since they are currently not getting along or playing nice.

Our Commander-in-Chief has now declared our Southern Border to be a National Emergency and wants to repurpose \$3.6 billion from the military construction budget for the border wall. This affects the repair and upkeep of all military installations, including housing for our shipmates and their families. There have been many articles, published in various forms, on the abominable conditions of military housing on many installations.

In addition, he wants to move \$174 billion of the total FY20 Pentagon budget request into the Overseas Contingency Operations account. This is meant to pay for the costs of wars in the Persian Gulf and other locations, not to rebuild the military and build a border wall. After almost 20 years of war, we really need to rebuild our military with a strong commitment not through contingency funding. Yes, we do need to have better border security, but this is not the way to do it either.

As usual, we are always searching for people who want to be involved in the workings of our chapter. We need new blood to bring in new ideas, changes to the status quo and revitalize our organization.

Please consider attending your chapter meeting(s). They are still held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and the first Tuesday in December at the Northlake American Legion Hall on North Ave just west of Manheim Rd; we start promptly at 2000. The next meeting will be held on 04-09-19.

Remember that, more than ever, "what Congress and DOD doth giveth, the Administration, Congress and DOD can taketh away".

Butch Michaelson

Chapter President

Mark Your Calendar: April 09, 2019 is our next Windy City Chapter Meeting

Meetings are conducted at 2000 hours on the second Tuesday of even numbered months:

At the American Legion Post in Northlake, IL

Windy City Chapter Meeting Minutes

Our February 12, 2019 Meeting was **CANCELED** due to adverse weather conditions.

Our next regular meeting is April 09, 2019