



KANSAS COMMISSION ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS



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To: All KCVA Employees

In this time of economic downturn and shrinking budgets, I want to take a moment and tell you all how magnificently you are performing your duties in this period of stress and pressure—and how much I appreciate your efforts.

Yes, times are tough. We realize that every time we try to balance our checkbook. The KCVA is no different. We may have to find better, more efficient, and yes, less costly ways to carry out our mission. Toward that end, I have instructed our Information Technology Director to begin a “Budget Watch” entry on our website to keep you informed of budget happenings. But it is, and should be, the reason to prevail. Our mission is akin to a sacred trust: to care for, and provide benefits and services to our Kansas veterans. No group deserves our help, and that of all Kansans, more than those who have protected our way of life.

So, at this season of wonder, hope, and renewal, I wish you the happiest of possible Holiday Seasons, and best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2009.

And please remember those who are far away from loved ones at this moment when families and friends gather.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Fowler".

Jack Fowler
Executive Director
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