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President Roger Benson
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Dear President Benson:

As the new Region 5 Veterans Chair, I have been attempting to gather issues that our veterans are concerned about. I will hopefully have the opportunity to address many of these at the statewide veterans meeting in April.

An issue that I would like to bring to your attention *immediately* is that PEF discontinues PEF membership for any PEF member who is called to active duty when the member is taken off of pay status.

At the last convention there was great debate regarding opposing the war and supporting our troops. We are not supporting our members who are citizen soldiers by restricting their union membership. I am requesting that PEF insure that all PEF members who are called to active military service stay active PEF members by PEF directly paying for their union dues while on active duty.

If there is anything that we can do to expedite this as a policy, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Richard Fletcher

Richard Fletcher
Region 5 Veterans Chair

cc Vice President Ken Brynien
David Krobe – Veterans Chair
Mary Twitchell – Region 5 Chair
Joseph Kost – EBoard