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TO: 3rd Vice Commanders & 3rd Vice Presidents - ALL Echelons

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SUBJECT: 2025 - 2026 NATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAM

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Romans 12:2 teaches, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." I believe our Program provides our youth with the mechanism to accomplish those goals.

The 3rd Vice Commander and 3rd Vice President are responsible for organizing and planning youth welfare and youth activities. Youth Activity Contests, scholarship applications, school or civic athletic team sponsorship, and support of non-profit local youth organizations are a few examples. We can also help them channel their energies into constructive pursuits and away from the negative temptations and distractions in their environments. We must encourage our youth to take every opportunity to display patriotism and honor service to our country. Our goal is to keep young minds busy. A well engaged mind may be the one link which will help them say "NO" to drugs and alcohol, and other temptations in a society that has lost its way.

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