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To Whom It May Concern,

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The Newport Elk's Lodge and the Conover Leary Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 406 will host a Gala to benefit our Veterans on May 16, 2020.

The goal of this fundraising event is two-fold. The first is to raise funds to support the Veterans' Outreach programs in Newport of the Conover Leary Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 406, which is celebrating their Centennial Anniversary. Post 406 has consistently supported Newport's veterans for the past one hundred years and is well positioned to continue such support well into the future.

Secondly, the Elks has begun a nationwide effort to gather donations to support a complete restoration of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Park in Hawaii. The park displays and exhibits have fallen into disrepair. The Elks, realize that this national treasure deserves attention and a 'technological' upgrade and have embarked on a year-long effort to raise the needed funds. The Elks believe that the service of our veterans, passed and living, remain an example for subsequent generations. We must ensure that the history of that 'day in infamy' is preserved for the edification of our subsequent generations and will attest to our country's past, while looking forward with gratitude and hope for a bright and safe future.

Having served the greater Newport community for over one hundred years, both VFW Post 406 and the Newport Elks are confident when asking for support from concerned citizens of Newport. We need your help in realizing the goal of the Veterans' Gala. All donations will be strictly used to benefit Veterans in the local community and the Pearl Harbor Restoration Fund. The Elks and VFW Post 406 serve Veterans through the efforts of member volunteers with no "administrative costs". Newport Elks Lodge 104 is a IRC 501(c)(8).

Our Veterans rose to the occasion when our country needed them most. It is now our duty to rise to the occasion, answer the call, and surpass the monetary exceptions of the Gala. Help our Veterans, honor their sacrifice, preserve their memory.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph G. Kaiser III
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