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Dear Sisters,

Thank you for your support at this past convention in electing me as your LAOH NYS Irish Historian for the 2021-2023 term. I am excited to serve in this position and hope to have a successful term, fulfilling my obligations of the office while inspiring others to learn and appreciate our Irish History!! Our board is comprised of some amazing and hard-working dedicated ladies, and I look forward to working with them all while being led by our newly elected LAOH NYS President Agnes O'Leary.

I am honored to serve the LAOH currently on several levels. Along with NYS Irish Historian, I am currently Division 7 East Islip President, I also serve as Suffolk County webmaster and social media. In 2020 I was appointed by LAOH National President Karen Keane as the first LAOH Military and Veteran Affairs Chair, a position I am truly honored and grateful to have. Along with my commitments and responsibilities to the LAOH, I work full time as a Women Veterans Advocate in Suffolk County NY. My primary function is looking out for my sister veterans in every way, connecting them to support services they may need from medical to housing, peer support, financial assistance, etc. I currently serve as an appointee for the Suffolk County Legislature Women Veterans Advisory Board, also on Representative Andrew Garbarinos Veterans Advisory Council Sub Committee, hoping through these positions to use my voice and experiences to raise awareness and help to make necessary legislative changes that will help to improve the lives of women veterans in this county and state. I am active on the boards of several local non profit veteran organizations and facilitate a women veteran's peer group for my sister veterans. My enlistment in the Navy ended many years ago, but my service to this county and my brother and sister veterans will never end.

My husband Jim and I have been married for 28 years and he is the most patient man on the planet, my best friend and by my side supporting me and having my back in any and all things. We are the parents to two amazing humans, Caitlin (27yo) and Jimmy (26yo). Our team is now growing as our daughter is marrying a wonderful man Sean, who we love and feel blessed now with a second son. Also, mom to an adorable and feisty 13-year-old westie named Molly and an African Sulcata Tortoise named Shelly. My parents introduced to me the AOH LAOH family, my dad is treasured and lifetime member of Division 7 and my mom is missed and was so loved. My mother loved the LAOH, the sisterhood and the charitable actions, her favorite part of it all was coming together with her division sisters to pray the Rosary, and those ladies never left my mom's side all the way until she left this earth. After I left the military, and I searched for a purpose and I looked for the comradery of the military I missed so much, my mother would encourage me to become active in the LAOH, hopeful I would find those things there. She was right, aren't mothers usually lol, I found friendship and sisterhood, I found a purpose and a way to serve and help in my community. I am truly grateful for the LAOH in my life and hope to serve this order on many levels for years to come.

If I can assist you in any way in my position as Irish Historian, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
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