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## Emblem Sales

James W. Casey, Adjutant  
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Dear Mr. Casey:

In June 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision allowing states to collect sales tax on purchases from out-of-state retailers, regardless of the retailers' physical presence within the state. As a result, a number of states have passed laws requiring out-of-state sellers to collect sales tax if they meet a certain threshold of sales within the state. New York has passed such a law, and we determined that Emblem Sales meets the established sales threshold. Therefore, Emblem Sales will begin charging and collecting sales taxes on purchases made from New York effective September 1, 2019.

We would appreciate the Department's help in getting the word out about this change to local Posts and individual members within your state, as well as to state leadership at the Auxiliary and Sons. To facilitate this, a list of talking points regarding the change is attached to this email. You can distribute this information in the manner that best suits your Department (by newsletter, web site, email, etc.).

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this information. I would like to thank you and your membership for continuing to support Emblem Sales and The American Legion programs funded by those purchases.

Sincerely,

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