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Dear Friend of American Legion Post 477 & the Meeme Liberty Pole,

I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out on behalf of American Legion Post 477 – St Nazianz. Our Post is embarking on an ambitious capital campaign aimed at adding a modern flagpole at the current Liberty Pole site located on the corner of highways M and XX in the Town of Meeme. The historic Liberty Pole will remain in its current location and be used on special occasions.

The first Liberty Pole was erected in 1852 by Nicolas Dittmar, in the Town of Meeme, as an expression of gratitude for the liberties and freedom found here in America. This first pole was destroyed by a sleet storm. The second Liberty Pole was donated and erected in 1889 by Civil War Veterans in remembrance of their fallen comrades. The second Liberty Pole was destroyed when hit by lightning in June 1916. To replace it the community of Meeme decided it wanted a steel pole. A fund-raising drive resulted in raising \$400.00 to pay for a new steel pole made of gun metal that stands sixty-two feet in height. This pole was dedicated the morning of September 3rd, 1922, by the American Legion Post of Kiel. The program attracted a large crowd of approximately one thousand people.

June 15th, 1974, the Liberty Pole was declared a State Historic Landmark. On 3 September 2022, Post 477 planned and conducted the 100-year rededication celebration of the Liberty Pole. The event was widely publicized and attended by more than 175 citizens from throughout the area.

In April 2022 Post 477 assumed custodial duties for the Meeme Liberty Pole. We installed electrical power and lighting, repaired the weathervane, the halyard, and the pulley system. An American flag now flies 365 days a year, weather permitting.

After 124 years, time and the elements have taken a toll on the Liberty Pole making replacement necessary. Our goal is to raise **\$25,000** for a new, modern sixty-foot flagpole and lighting on the site. This new flagpole will ensure that an American flag will continue to fly over this historic site for many years to come.

Your support is crucial in helping us achieve this goal, and we are excited to share our vision with you. Your generosity will not only help us realize this vision but also inspire others to join us in this important effort. We have already made significant progress, and with your support, we can ensure the success of our campaign. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to reach out to me directly at Americanlegionpost477@gmail.com or 920-286-3009.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to preserve our local history and symbol of freedom.

Warm regards,

Kevin Nett

Commander

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