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Dear Members of the Armed Forces and Department of Defense Civilians:

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) celebrates its 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Over the years, Federal personnel have contributed billions to worthy charitable organizations. The CFC serves as a reminder that there are people in need at home and around the world and offers us an easy way to help. Every fall, each of us is given the opportunity and the privilege to participate in this time-honored tradition.

This fall you will once again have an opportunity to give to the causes you care about through the CFC. I believe you will find that this program continues to be one of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to help people in need both domestically and around the world.

2017 marks the first year of a new look and feel for the CFC. Some of the changes to the program include a new CFC website where you can research charities and make an online pledge, the ability for retired personnel to make annuity deductions, and the opportunity for new hires to begin making payroll deductions immediately. However, one of the best additions is the ability to pledge your time to your favorite charities. This is a great way for you to see the power of nonprofits in our communities and learn first-hand how charitable contributions are put to work.

Thank you for all you do and for supporting the 2017 CFC.

*Pat Shanah*

