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Presidents Message:

Dear Members,

I am writing to you, praying that all is well with you and your family. This past year has been like no other year in the history of this country. The Coronavirus pandemic has affected our lives in untold ways and has forced us to seek new and unprecedented ways of staying connected with family and friends. Despite the challenges we face daily, the work you all continue to do has not gone unnoticed. Although I am retired, I will never forget the first responders fighting on the front lines to save lives. Let us never forget those family and friends whom we have lost during 2020 to the pandemic. This past year, African Americans were blatantly repudiated and lost lives while standing firm with the Black Lives Matter movement. Finally, let us keep the President and U.S. Congress in our prayers as we move forward in the promise of 2021.

This past year, as the President of NABNA and a member of the SAFE (Special Agents for Equality) Project, a group of retired African American Special Agents, I have had a meaningful dialogue with former DEA Acting Administrator Tim Shea. We had several conversations about the future of DEA. Including topics such as diversity, equal opportunity, promotion of African Americans in all core series, recruitment and retention strategies, racial discrimination, and a larger representation of African American instructors at the DEA Training Academy.

NABNA plans to hold its annual conference in July 2021 in a virtual format due to the COVID pandemic. Please look for conference details on the NABNA.org website in the near future. If you need any information, please do not hesitate to contact me at presidentnabna@gmail.com.

We are in this together, and we will make it through these difficult times. Let us continue to pray for our country and our NABNA family. I wish you and your family. Peace, Joy, and Love!

Sincerely,

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