



DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES: Leadership Conference Call

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 – 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order – Roger Friend, Commander
2. Invocation – Melissa Fowle, Chaplain
3. Roll Call – Suzette Heller, Adjutant
 - (a) Also included:
 - (i) SAL: Scott Thornton, Adjutant, Bernie Kessler, Commander
 - (ii) AUX: Kelly Gibson
 - (iii) ALR: Mindy Hinkle
4. Department Commander Update:
 - (a) Honor the “Stay At Home” Policy and be an example, as the largest VSO in Nation
5. Adjutant Update of HQ Status:
 - (a) COVID-19 Update from Governor:
 - (i) Currently 564, 497 cases up from last Tuesday
 - (ii) 49 counties/145 hospitalizations
 - (iii) 8 deaths
 - (b) Department:
 - (i) “Stay At Home” Order
 1. Department is deemed as “Essential” due to “Organizations that provide Charitable and social services” (TFA, Financial Assistance, etc.)
 2. We are performing “Minimum Basic Operations”
 - (ii) DSO Staff working from home
 1. Buddy Checks on clients/Training/Fielding Emails/Remote claims work
 - (iii) Conference Call with National Adjutant and Department Adjutants on 3/25 – More to come
 1. National cancelled all meetings through to July
 - (iv) Conference Call with Auxiliary/SAL regarding Convention and BBS
 1. Awaiting answers from CVB’s (Cincinnati or Cleveland)
 2. Most likely pushed to 2nd or 3rd week of July
 3. Convention Call going out shortly
 4. Worst Case Scenario: Ballot Voting to Elect Officers?
 - (v) Finance Conference Call
 1. 3/28 at 10am
 - (vi) DEC Conference Call
 1. 4/4 at 10am

2. Mailing went out today
3. Training will be conducted after the DEC
4. Seeking Clarity on District Conventions/Post Elections
 - i. Worst Case Scenario: Ballot Voting for District Officers?
6. 1st Vice Report: Jean Wilson reminded members to still work on membership and 888 transfers. Also to contact utility companies.
7. 2nd Vice Report: Zanesville 2021 Pool Tournament. 2021 Golf Tournament still needs a bid. Now is a good time to do CPR's
8. Treasurer Report: Not in attendance.
9. Judge Advocate Report: Discussed Elections and process. Review Post and District Constitution and By-Laws. If leadership is not elected the current leadership stays in place.
10. Chaplain Report: Buddy Checks and make sure we are checking on our older veterans who may be homebound or other members who may be struggling.
11. NECMAN Report: Resolution out of National to cancel the NEC Meeting and table all business to the Pre-Convention NEC Meeting. .
12. District Commanders Report by District
13. 1st D: Jason Rue, DC: Cancellations of County Councils. Decisions on what to do for District Convention Elections.
14. 2nd D: Walter Meharg, DC: Carry out's at AL. Post compliancy of Governor DeWine Directives are being checked on by driving by the Post.
15. 3rd D: Betsy Law: Working on the 888 transfers for Post Revitalization
16. 4th D: Steve Foster: Still collecting membership and communicating with Posts.
17. 5th D: Al Beyer, DC: Buddy Checks and 888 members.
18. 6th D: Scott Horsington, 1st Vice: Pushing information onto Posts and that Posts are in compliance of Governor Orders. Issue to F/U on issues.
19. 7th D: Ken Crawford, DC: Keeping in contact with Posts to push out information. Posting on the 7th District FB page.
20. 8th D: Rick Donovan, DC: Posts are suffering. Trying to find ways to help.
21. 9th D: Frank Adley, DC: Next month holding vote via teleconference.
22. 10th D: Gary Ickes, DC: Called all Posts and everyone in compliance. Most are doing Buddy Checks. Encouraged Posts to draft budgets. Alliance Post hosting Blood Drive.
23. 11th D: Joe Peters, DC: ?
24. 12th D: Tom Poulton, 1st Vice: Maintaining a low profile and connecting with Posts about Membership
25. 13th D: Joe Ruland, DC: Most questions in District is how to cover elections.
26. 14th D: Bob Carson, 1V: Keeping it quiet and organized. Everyone in compliance. Volunteer Kitchen supplies lunches for neighborhood students. All canteens closed.
27. Bernie Kessler, SAL Comments: Extraordinary circumstances and all three organizations will convene together. Health and well-being of membership is priority. Joe Peters Question: Elections? SAL is working through that now.
28. Unfinished Business: NECMAN reiterated that Boys Nation is cancelled.

29. ALR Update: Uncertain of events due to Stay At Home policy. Rolling Thunder has not been cancelled yet.

JA: Organizations can engage in outdoor activity according to the Governor Directives as long as they are 10 or less and maintain social distancing.

30. New Business

31. Good of the Legion

Benediction: Adjutant Heller

Adjourned: 7:30pm