

Legionnaires,

As you know Coronavirus is with us in the United States. There is a lot of information/mis-information out there. Who do you believe?

Where does The American Legion stand? What should your reaction be? The membership of The American Legion is about 60% of those that are most vulnerable to the disease, those over 65 years of age. Decisions on whether to cancel your individual American Legion Post meetings and events will need to be made on a case by case basis. You will need to look at any upcoming events your post may be holding. The department does not have the expertise to advise your posts on cancelling or holding meetings or events. Pay close attention to what is happening in your community with the virus and make the right decision for your members.

As to the department headquarters, we will continue to run on a business as usual basis. We will continue to maintain our office hours Monday thru Friday at our Lowry campus. The VA Regional Office will make the decision on whether to keep our service office open. As of this date and time the Regional Office is still open for business. Both of our Service Officers are in Washington DC for this weekend but will return on Monday to their office. We will keep you informed of that situation. Darrell Myers will be working from home for the next few weeks. He was discharged from the VA hospital yesterday. He was tested for the virus while in the hospital and the test came back negative but he will be staying home. Continue to send your articles for the Observer to him by email.

We have a department leadership conference scheduled for May 15. A decision on that event will be made later, same with the department convention. Tom Bock has been in touch with the University for Boys State. No decision on the status of this program at this time.

This is an excellent opportunity to [perform Buddy Checks](#). Check in with older veterans in your communities to make sure they have the supplies they need, are feeling healthy and help them acquire the resources they need. Of course, Buddy Checks can be done with phone calls and emails so as not to risk spreading or contracting coronavirus. Now is the time to take care of our buddies.

We can only hope and pray that this virus will be short lived and we can go about our main mission of helping veterans and their families. In the meantime, observe all of the suggestions by our medical professionals to keep yourself safe, hand washing, covering your cough and sneeze, staying home if you feel sick, etc.

Please communicate with department on the status of any cancellations you may have so that we can communicate that to our wider American Legion network in Colorado.

Here is a link for our National Commanders message.

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