



## Commander's Update July 2020



My fellow Comrades, we are, in my opinion, in one of the toughest times in our country's history as we continue to battle a deadly pandemic, economic challenges and once again we are faced with racial disparity. Let me remind you of my theme for the year "you can make a difference" and one of my goals, "back to basics". In the middle of these situations please keep these two thoughts in the forefront of your everyday activities. I believe these can keep us on track and moving forward. I believe it is timely to review our preamble to the national constitution of The Sons of The American Legion. Take time to reflect of these powerful words this month.

"Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of all wars, associate ourselves together as "Sons of The American Legion" for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism; to preserve the memories of our former members and the association of our members and our forefathers in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy, to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit all the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country."

Are you living this every day?

Thank you, Sons, for everything you do for our Veterans. I know you are still “making a difference” in these difficult times. Thank you for your continued efforts in membership. Please find time this month to celebrate Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Spent your holiday filled to the brim by enjoying our country’s freedom made possible by our Veterans. Allow me to quote President Ronald Reagan in 1983,

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same”.

My prayer for you and yours is to stay well and healthy. Wishing you a wonderful time this special day in American history,

HAPPY **FOURTH** OF **JULY!!**

God Bless you and God bless The United States of America.

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