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MEMORANDUM

TO: POST COMMANDERS (via County Commanders)
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN
COUNTY COMMANDERS
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS
DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

FROM: JOHN D. BAKER, DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

SUB: CANCELLATION OF THE 2020 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

On Wednesday, April 22, 2020, a Department Executive Committee Meeting was held via Conference Call, at 7:00 pm. During this call, a Resolution was presented that was written by Department Judge Advocate Michael Wilson on behalf of the Revised Legion Committee, **AND WAS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED**. This Resolution recommended the following:

Cancellation of the 2020 Department Convention, including the Wednesday DEC Meeting, the Thursday & Friday Convention Sessions, the Friday DEC Meeting, the Friday Night Reception, and the Saturday Convention Parade.

Also within the Resolution was the following:

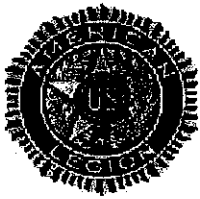
Maintain the 2019-2020 Department Officers (elected & appointed), along with all Department Committee Chairmen, until the 2021 Department Convention. Since the Committee Chairmen would remain in place, the Committee on Committees DEC Meeting normally held in June would also be cancelled.

All activities of The American Legion, Department of New Jersey, through June 2020 have been either cancelled or postponed, including Americanism Judging (postponed), Baseball (cancelled, see attached), Boys State (postponed until 2021, see aljbs.org), High Point (cancelled via Committee), Locustwood (cancelled via Committee).

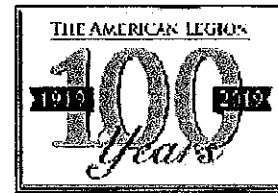
The only thing on the calendar at this time is the Finance Committee Budget Meeting in July and the August DEC Meeting, both subject to change.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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As per our National Organization and With the unpredictability of the current worldwide COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the manner in which the virus spreads, its duration and the resulting public health regulations and restrictions across the nation, The American Legion Department of New Jersey, in consultation with our Department Commander Robert Newell, Department NEC Chuck Robbins, Department Judge Advocate Mike Wilson and NJ American Legion Baseball Committee Chairman Frank Calandrillo we must announce the 2020 NJ American Legion Baseball season shall be cancelled. The two Department of New Jersey American Legion Baseball Scholarships for the 2019 season have already been selected and announced. The National Diamond Scholarship has been cancelled for the 2020 season.

The decision to cancel was extremely difficult but deemed necessary, first and foremost in the interest of health and safety, and in the face of uncertainty. And while it is distressing to think of all those youth across New Jersey who will be disappointed to learn of the cancellation of the NJ American Legion Baseball program this year, it would be a much, much greater tragedy if even just one of our youth were to fall ill during a program. "The Department of New Jersey feels this is the right thing to do to protect our youth, Legionnaires and the public".

Robert B. Newell
Department Commander

Charles K. Robbins
National Executive Committeeman

Michael G. Wilson
Department Judge Advocate

Frank M. Calandrillo, Jr.
Chairman, NJ American Legion Baseball Committee

CC: Department Adjutant John Baker

American Legion Baseball 2020 Regular Season Guidelines

This communication is follow-up to the recent announcement regarding cancellation of eight 2020 American Legion Regional Tournaments and the 2020 American Legion World Series. The Americanism Commission formally voted to approve those cancellations in the interest of health and safety of youth and The American Legion Family this summer; and subsequently, in consultation with the national commander, announced the cancellations. The following information is provided to help clarify the policies and procedures for the remainder of the 2020 American Legion Baseball season.

Determination of a 2020 Regular Playing Season - In accordance with the Charter of The American Legion, National Constitution and By-laws, the National Organization does not possess the authority to administer department-level programs or operations. Any determination regarding regular season play within an American Legion department will come from department leadership and/or department baseball committee. Departments choosing not to sanction a regular playing season in 2020 will communicate to their teams in as much that the season is canceled and use of The American Legion name, emblem and baseball logo no longer be authorized the remainder of the 2020 calendar year.

Risk Management - Those team managers, coaches, and volunteer staff whose department has not canceled 2020 regular season play are still required to complete background screening and abuse awareness training prior to any meetings, events, practices or games that involve youth participants.

Annual National Registration Fee – With cancelation of the 2020 American Legion World Series and eight regional tournaments the Americanism Commission has suspended assessing teams an annual national registration fee (\$50 for senior teams; \$25 for junior teams). Refunds for those teams having previously paid a national registration fee are automatically forthcoming – it is not necessary for a team to request that refund and those refunds will be received by teams no later than June 30th.

Administrative Fee – The administrative fee (\$35) assessed during the online registration process is non-refundable and will continue to be assessed for all teams during the online process. This fee offsets administrative costs that include, but not limited to, credit card processing fees, annual update and maintenance of the online registration system, and printing and shipping costs of the annual American Legion Baseball Rule Book.

Department Fees – Teams having already paid applicable department fees through the online registration process and whose department subsequently cancels their 2020 playing season must seek refund through their respective department baseball chairman. Teams whose department has not canceled 2020 regular season play will continue to be assessed any applicable department fees during the online registration process.

Roster Deadline - The deadline of June 25th is suspended requiring teams to submit an 18-man roster in accordance with American Legion Baseball National Rule 6.E. due to cancellation of the

2020 national tournaments. Departments continuing with 2020 regular season play will determine and communicate their own roster deadline dates within their department.

Insurance Purchase Process and Refunds – In accordance with American Legion Baseball National Rule 1.N. Teams must purchase both group liability and accident insurance from K&K Insurance by June 1st. Teams whose department has not canceled 2020 regular season play will continue to purchase mandatory insurance through the online registration process. For those teams who may fail to form, June 25th is the deadline for initiating a refund of insurance premiums.

Any team seeking an insurance refund must contact their department baseball chairman, who will in turn contact K&K Insurance on their behalf to initiate that refund.

K&K Insurance will not issue or sell American Legion Baseball insurance to teams whose departments are not sanctioning a 2020 regular playing season.